



The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (Division) will hold a public hearing to accept testimony on the proposed rescission of Ohio Administrative Code rules 1501:9-3-01 through 1501:9-3-13 and the proposed adoption of Ohio Administrative Code sections 1501:9-3-01 through 1501:9-3-10 and Ohio Administrative Code sections 1501:9-4-01 through 1501:9-4-07. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The public hearing will be held **November 29, 2021 starting at 1:00 p.m.** Any person affected by the proposed rule may present their comments in-person, in writing, virtually, or via telephone. For those wishing to participate, please choose from the following options:

- **In-person:** The hearing will be held at 2045 Morse Road, F-1 Conference Room, Columbus, OH 43229. If you attend the hearing in person, all visitors to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be asked to provide photo identification at the gatehouse before entering the complex. Please allow time to complete the check-in process. Additionally, the Division respectfully requests visitors who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask.
- **Written:** Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. November 29, 2021 will be accepted into the record. Written comments may be submitted to DOGRM.Rules@dnr.ohio.gov or mailed to Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, Attn: Mark Bruce, Building F-2, 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229.
- **Virtually:** Participants wishing to stream the meeting via the internet may [CLICK HERE](#) to be taken to the Teams meeting. Please enter your first and last name and city when joining the meeting.
- **Telephone:** Dial 1-408-418-9388 and enter the phone conference ID: 2349 255 0759

The Division proposes to rescind Administrative Code rules 1501:9-3-01 through 1501:9-3-



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13 and replace with two new chapters of rules, 1501:9-3 (Class II Disposal Wells and Surface Facilities) and 1501:9-4 (Oil and Gas Waste Facilities).

1501:9-3 governs the siting, permitting, construction, operation, and reclamation of Class II Disposal Wells and Surface Facilities. The rule includes general provisions that ensure compliance with Ohio's primacy agreement with U.S. EPA and the protection of underground sources of drinking water as well as the prevention of contamination and pollution. One amendment to the rule is increased setback distances and additional siting criteria for Class II Disposal Wells and Surface Facilities, offering greater distances from the wells and facilities to nearby homes and other buildings not situated on the subject tract (i.e., those who are not involved in the project). Siting criteria for sensitive areas are also established, as is greater authority for the Chief of the Division to require enhanced measures that protect these areas. The rule includes more detailed reporting provisions, clarifies the Division's enforcement authority, and establishes the procedures an operator may take to resume operations after the enforcement actions are taken. The rule enhances the permitting, construction, and operation requirements of Class II Disposal Wells and Surface Facilities. These enhancements are the result of: changes in standard industry practices; the size and volume of Class II Disposal Wells and Surface Facilities now operating in Ohio; and responses to specific situations that have occurred. Some of the enhancements include, but are not limited to:

1501:9-4 governs the siting, permitting, construction, operation, and reclamation of Oil and Gas Waste Facilities. The rule includes general provisions that ensure the prevention of contamination and pollution, protection of underground sources of drinking water and surface water, and the appropriate handling of oil and gas waste.

For more information about the proposed rules, visit oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov. Those with questions may contact Mark Bruce at (614) 265-6920 or mark.bruce@dnr.ohio.gov.