

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing General NPDES Permits**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6111.03(G) and 6111.035 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, proposes to rescind and adopt the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

<u>Rule Number</u>	<u>Rule Title</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>
3745-38-01	Definitions.	Amend
3745-38-02	Requirements for general national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits.	New
3745-38-02	Ohio NPDES permit required.	Rescind
3745-38-03	General permits coverage.	Rescind
3745-38-04	Individual or alternative general permit requirements.	Rescind
3745-38-05	Alternative NPDES authorization.	Rescind
3745-38-06	Notification of general permit coverage.	Rescind
3745-38-07	Criteria for issuing and renewing general permits.	Rescind
3745-38-08	Modification of general permits.	Rescind
3745-38-09	Transfer of general permit coverage.	Rescind
3745-38-10	Applicability of rules procedure.	Rescind
3745-38-11	Revocation of general permits.	Rescind
3745-38-12	Termination of general permit coverage.	Rescind

These proposed rules address general National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

The public comment period will run until **5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010**. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. This hearing will be held at **10:30 a.m. on March 31, 2010** at the following location:

Ohio EPA Central Office
50 W. Town Street, Suite 700
Conference Room C
Columbus, Ohio 43215

All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please arrive early to complete these procedures.

To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, (614) 644-2160. Prior registration will ensure that registrants are heard ahead of those individuals who register at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes, depending on the number of persons testifying. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and to present oral and/or written comments concerning the proposed rules.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of John Morrison at the Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. All testimony received at the hearing or by **5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010** will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking proposal. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

For questions regarding this rule package or to receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact John Morrison, at the Division of Surface Water (DSW), at (614) 644-2259 or via e-mail at john.morrison@epa.state.oh.us. In addition, the proposed rules are available for review at any Ohio EPA district office and at the Ohio EPA central office. The proposed rules are also accessible on the DSW Web site at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/rules/draftrules.aspx and on the Register of Ohio Web site at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.