

State of Ohio
Environmental Protection Agency
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Sections 6111.03, 6111.04 and 6111.44, proposes amendments to the following rules of the Administrative Code:

Rule	Title	Proposed Action
3745-11-01	Definitions.	Amend
3745-11-02	Standard and special connection bans.	Amend
3745-11-03	Connection ban variances.	Amend

The Connection Ban Standards allow Ohio EPA to issue orders to either a municipality or a governmental body to prohibit connection to sanitary sewers or installation of new on-lot treatment systems for households, etc. if there is a proven or imminent public health or environmental impact. The proposed rule changes are simply to address the change at the legislative level and do not alter how the connection bans are considered or enacted.

The public comment period will run until **5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2008**. A public hearing on these 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 in **Room B at the Ohio EPA Central Office, located at 50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215 at 2:00 p.m. on February 27, 2008**.

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 **Mark Stump** at the Ohio EPA 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 February 27, 2008**, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to **Mark Stump**, at the Division of Surface Water, at (614) 644-2028 or via email at mark.stump@epa.state.oh.us

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact Mark Stump at (614) 644-2028 or by the email address listed above. 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 Division of Surface Water Web page at www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw.