



**DIVISION OF
OIL & GAS RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT**
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 1501:1-27-01 through 1501:1-27-03 and 1501:9-2-01 through 1501:9-2-02 and the proposed adoption of Ohio Administrative Code rules 1501:1-27-01 and 1501:9-2-01 through 1501:9-2-02. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The public hearing will be held **January 4, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m. EST**. 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.
- **Written:** Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. January 4, 2024, 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: Tara Lee, Building F, 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229.
- **Virtually:** Participants wishing to stream the meeting via the internet may [go to HTTPS://WWW.MICROSOFT.COM/EN-US/MICROSOFT-TEAMS/JOIN-A-MEETING](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting) to be taken to the Teams meeting and enter the following:

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- **Telephone:** Dial 1-614-721-2972 and enter the phone conference ID: 392 948 511#

The Division proposes to rescind Administrative Code rules 1501:1-27-01 through 1501:1-27-03 and rules 1501:9-2-01 through 1501:9-2-02 and replace with two new chapters of rules, 1501:1-27 (Technical Advisory Council) and 1501:9-2 (Horizontal Well Site Construction).

1501:1-27 governs the process that the Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas will provide notice for its regular and special meetings. The process allows for notice of regularly scheduled and special meetings to be posted on the Division's website. The process provides for electronic and mailed notice to news media and general public, if requested.

1501:9-2 governs the design, construction, modification, and reclamation of well sites used to drill and produce horizontal oil and gas wells. The rules are critical to the Agency's mission to protect public health, safety, and the environment as it requires secure and stable well sites to be constructed that will support the decades-long life span of an oil and gas well. The promulgation of these rules in 2015 has been a resounding success as the number of incidents regarding well site failures has decreased significantly. Ohio's unique topography and geology requires standards for the stable construction of horizontal well sites and these rules provide those standards. This revision clarifies words and phrases throughout the rules. Specifically, it clarifies the reclamation timeframes for both the Division and operators; it provides operators the option to extend certification for well sites before drilling new wells; and makes other minor editorial changes.

For more information about the proposed rules, visit oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov. Those with questions may contact Tara Lee at (614) 265-7042 or tara.kinsey-lee@dnr.ohio.gov.