

## OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**Public Notice**  
**Public Hearing Scheduled For**  
**Proposed Rulemaking Governing**  
**Water Quality Standards**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 6111.041 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following water quality standards rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

Rule #	Rule Title
3745-1-10	Grand river drainage basin.
3745-1-13	Central Ohio tributaries drainage basin.
3745-1-14	Ashtabula river drainage basin.
3745-1-24	Muskingum river drainage basin.
3745-1-27	Black river drainage basin.
3745-1-28	Vermilion river drainage basin.

This rule addresses water quality standards regulations.

The purpose of this rule making is to complete the five-year rule reviews of six water quality standards rules as required by Ohio law, and to update these rules to reflect the latest scientific information.

The public comment period will run until June 6, 2024. A public hearing on this proposed rulemaking will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will be holding an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules on June 6, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. The in-person hearing will be located in the Summer Conference Room at Ohio EPA, Suite 700, 50 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written or verbal comments on the proposed rules.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4486270662964623453>

Registration for the in-person hearing is not required. Citizens 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 or by emailing [mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov). 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 rule making.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Emily Imhoff, Rules Coordinator at the Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049 or can be emailed to [dsw\\_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dsw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov). 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 close of business on June 6, 2024, 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.

Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Mariah Hood, at the Division of Surface Water at [Mariah.Hood@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Mariah.Hood@epa.ohio.gov) or (614) 644-2865.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DSW receptionist at (614) 644-2001. In addition, full copies of all 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 DSW web page at **[epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules](https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules)**

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