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BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice Proposed Rulemaking Governing Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-23, "Nitrogen Oxide Standards"

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 3704.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to file revisions to the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

3745-23-01 Definitions. 3745-23-02 Methods of measurement.

These rules address the requirements under which Ohio EPA will monitor for nitrogen oxides (NOx) as part of Ohio's State Implementation Plan for the attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard. These standards also apply in the rare instance where a facility would need to perform NOx monitoring as part of a compliance requirement for a permit.

The purpose of this rule making is in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 106.03, which requires all Ohio government agencies to review all existing, adopted rules, determining whether a rule should be amended or rescinded, prior to a specified date. Our review finds that only minor changes to rules 3745-23-01 and 3745-23-02 are needed and the rule is still necessary. The planned revisions to the rule are minor, primarily administrative and to remove restriction language, and do not affect the content or intent of the rules.

The public comment period will run until **June 21, 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 21, 2024, at 11:00am**. The in-personhearing will be at the same time and date and will be located at Ohio EPA, Suite 700, 50 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules if participating virtually and verbally if participating in person.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9035005243542209622

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. 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 rulemaking.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Amelia Brown at the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC), P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049 or can be emailed to DAPC-Comments@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 21**, 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.

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Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Amelia Brown at the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3622.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DAPC receptionist at (614) 644-2270. 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 DAPC web page at http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/DAPCrules.aspx

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