

**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice  
Proposed Rulemaking Governing  
Underground Injection Control**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6109.23, 6109.04 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

- 3745-34-01     Underground Injection Control Definitions**
- 3745-34-04     Classification of Wells**
- 3745-34-07     Prohibition of Movement of Fluid into Underground Injection**
- 3745-34-08     Prohibition of Class IV Wells**
- 3745-34-11     Class V Wells**
- 3745-34-12     Application by Permit; Authorization by Permit**
- 3745-34-13     Class I Permit Application**
- 3745-34-14     Class I Permit to Drill Applications**
- 3745-34-15     Class I permit to Operate Applications**
- 3745-34-16     Class V Permit Requirements**
- 3745-34-19     Emergency Permits**
- 3745-34-23     Modification or Revocation and Re-issuance of Permits**
- 3745-34-26     Conditions applicable to all permits**
- 3745-34-27     Establishing Drilling Permit and Operating Permit Conditions**
- 3745-34-30     Plan of Corrective Action**
- 3745-34-32     Area of Review**
- 3745-34-33     Corrective Action**
- 3745-34-34     Mechanical Integrity**
- 3745-34-35     Criteria for Establishing Permitting Priorities**
- 3745-34-36     Plugging and Abandoning Class I Wells**
- 3745-34-37     Construction Requirements for Class I Wells**
- 3745-34-38     Operating, Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Class I Wells**
- 3745-34-39     Information to be Considered by the Director in Authorizing Class I Wells**
- 3745-34-40     Seismic Reflection Survey Requirements for Class I Wells**
- 3745-34-50     Criteria and Standards for Class I Injection Wells**
- 3745-34-51     Minimum Criteria for Siting Class I Hazardous Waste Injection Wells**
- 3745-34-52     Area of Review**
- 3745-34-53     Corrective Action for Wells in The Area for Review**
- 3745-34-54     Construction Requirements**
- 3745-34-55     Logging, Sampling and Testing Prior to New Well Operations**
- 3745-34-56     Operating Requirements**
- 3745-34-57     Testing and Monitoring Requirements**
- 3745-34-58     Reporting Requirements**

- 3745-34-59 Information to be Evaluated by Director**
- 3745-34-60 Closure**
- 3745-34-61 Post Closure**
- 3745-34-62 Financial Responsibility for closure and post closure care**

The public comment period will run until **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM EDT**. The in-person hearing 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/4423256555561700444>

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 rulemaking.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of **Rylee Lane** at the Division of Drinking and Ground Water (DDAGW) 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 close of business on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Rylee Lane** at the DDAGW at (614) (752-9725) or at [ddagw\\_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov).

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DDAGW receptionist at (614) (644-3386). 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 the DDAGW web page at <https://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/DDAGWrules>.

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