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BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice Proposed Rulemaking Governing Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-21-26, Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC), under the authority of Sections Section 3704.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

OAC rule 3745-21-26 "Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts"

This rule addresses surface coating of miscellaneous metal and plastic parts regulations.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to correct an error where an exemption in paragraph (A)(3)(f) was accidentally deleted during the prior rulemaking that became effective April 1, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code, DAPC was required to consult with interested parties affected by the rules before the Division formally adopts them. On April 14, 2025, these rules went out for a 10-day review by interested parties. Please see the rule synopsis, available electronically at the web address below, for a complete summary of the proposed rule amendments.

Pursuant to Part D of Title I of the Clean Air Act, Ohio EPA is required to establish a state implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The above-mentioned rules and documents are a part of Ohio's SIP and the proposed amendments will be submitted to USEPA as a modification of the SIP.

The public comment period will run until June 25, 2025. A public hearing on this proposed rulemaking will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 106.03 and 106.31 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will be holding an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules on June 25, 2025, at 10:30am. 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/2475620146594785372

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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 may be submitted through SmartComment at https://ohioepa.commentinput.com?id=N8bedGPW4 or sent to Graham Johnson at the Division of Air Pollution Control, 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 June 25, 2025, 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 Kathryn Jobe, at the DAPC, at (614) 728-0671 or kathryn.iobe@epa.ohio.gov.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DAPC receptionist at (614) (644-4830). 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's web page at https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/air-pollution-control/regulations/proposed-rules.

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