BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice Proposed Rulemaking Governing Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-100 Five-Year Rule Review Toxic Chemical Release Reporting (Toxic Release Inventory (TRI))

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 3751.02 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

Ohio EPA is proposing to amend the following rules:

- 3745-100-01 Definitions
- 3745-100-03 Record keeping
- 3745-100-04 Compliance and enforcement
- 3745-100-05 Covered facilities for toxic chemical release reporting
- 3745-100-06 Threshold for reporting
- 3745-100-07 Reporting requirements and schedule for reporting
- 3745-100-08 Exemptions
- 3745-100-09 Notification about toxic chemicals
- 3745-100-11 Toxic chemical release reporting form and instructions
- 3745-100-13 Trade secret claims
- 3745-100-14 Alternate threshold and certification
- 3745-100-17 SIC and NAICS codes to which this chapter applies

Rules number 3745-100-02, 3745-100-10, 3745-100-15, and 3745-100-16 are being filed as "No Change."

This rule address regulations regarding the toxic chemical releases and pollution prevention activities reported by industrial and federal facilities.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to comply with Ohio Revised Code Section 106.03 five-year rule review. The rules were reviewed to verify compliance with the federal rules in 40 CFR Part 372.

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 March 11, 2024, these rules went out for a 30-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.

The public comment period will run until July 10, 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 July 10, 2025, at 10:30am. The in-person hearing will be at the same time and date and 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 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: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7749095617002799961</u>

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 <u>mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov</u>. 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 electronically via Smart Comment at https://ohioepa.commentinput.com?id=EBf3D4FJ5 emailed or can be 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 July 10, 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 David Zeller, at the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) at (614) 728-1341.

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 the DAPC web page at <u>DAPC Proposed Rules</u>.

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