

**State of Ohio**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

July 10, 2008

**Notice of Proposed Rule-making and Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) is proposing revisions to rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) that govern the primary drinking water standards. Specifically, the division has proposed revisions to rules that set forth the requirements for analysis of drinking water. The proposed amendments are, in part, a result of the five year rule review requirements of Section 119.032 of the Revised Code.

Rule 3745-81-27 of the OAC is comprised of analytical techniques for drinking water for compliance with inorganic, organic and other analyses. The division has proposed revisions to incorporate the U.S. EPA rule promulgated on March 12, 2007, which includes new approved methods, standardized methods and a clarification of method requirements. Also proposed are minor modifications to the Definitions rule in 3745-89-01 of the Administrative Code to ensure consistency between these two rules.

As part of the rule-making process, the Agency is required by Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code to consult with organizations that represent political subdivisions, environmental interests, business interests, and others affected by the rules. The Agency is offering you and your organization the opportunity to comment on these rules before the division formally adopts them.

A public hearing pursuant to §119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code will be conducted on August 13, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room D at the Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give their written or oral comments on this proposed rule-making. A presiding officer will be present until all interested persons have been heard.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent by 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2008. Persons who provide Ohio EPA with prior notice will be heard ahead of persons who register at the hearing. To provide notice of intent to give oral comments at the public hearing, contact Gina Hayes, Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, P. O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.

In order to ensure that written comments are considered as part of the official record of this hearing, written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by the close of business August 13, 2008. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Gina Hayes at the address above, or sent by email to the

following address [ddagw\\_rulecomments@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:ddagw_rulecomments@epa.state.oh.us).

To obtain a copy of the proposed rules, call Donna Roberts at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2755, send email to "[donna.roberts@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:donna.roberts@epa.state.oh.us)", or write to "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Donna Roberts". Please request the "proposed analytical techniques rules" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There is no charge to receive a copy of these proposed rules. The proposed rules will be available on the Ohio EPA web page until their adoption or withdrawal. The address is: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/oac.html>.

Questions concerning this proposed rule-making, other than obtaining copies of the proposed rules, may be addressed to Gina Hayes at the above address or by phone at (614) 644-2752. Email can be sent to [Gina.Hayes@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Gina.Hayes@epa.state.oh.us).