BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice
Public Hearing Scheduled For
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Water Quality Standards

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Water Quality Standards Program rule in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-1 has been scheduled for **February 16, 2017**. This rulemaking includes the following rule:

Rule #	**Rule Title**
3745-1-13	Central Ohio tributaries drainage basin.

OAC Chapter 3745-1 contains Ohio's standards for water quality. This rulemaking includes the review and update of one beneficial use designation rule in the chapter to reflect the latest scientific information. The rule is being rescinded and filed as new due to revisions to more than fifty percent of the rule.

The Agency invites all interested parties to comment on this rule. The public comment period will run until **February 16, 2017**. 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. This hearing will be held at **Conference Room A at the Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio at 10:30 a.m. on February 16, 2017**. All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please arrive early to complete these procedures.

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 Melinda Harris at the Division of Surface Water, 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 **February 16, 2017**, 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.

Pre-notice of this rulemaking is being given to provide a minimum of 45 days notice of the public

hearing. The preliminary proposed rule and a fact sheet explaining the rule revisions are posted on the Ohio EPA website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/dswrules.aspx. Another notice will be provided when this rule is officially filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and the rule will be posted on the Ohio EPA website at the above link. Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Dan Dudley, at the Division of Surface Water, at (614) 644-2876.