



Early Stakeholder Outreach **For Land Application System Rule** **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-42-13**

What does OAC 3745-42-13 cover?

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-42-13 covers the permit application and the operating and maintenance requirements for a land application of treated sewage system.

Why are these rules being sent out for Early Stakeholder Outreach?

The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created. In response to EO 2011-01K, Ohio EPA has added an additional step to ensure stakeholders are brought into the rule process as early as possible. This additional interested party notification and request for information will allow for early feedback before the rule language has been developed by the Agency.

What changes are being considered?

The changes being considered include:

- Updating document references;
- Updating Web links;
- Relocating this rule into its own Ohio Administrative Code chapter; and
- Other minor changes.

Who will be regulated by these rules?

Any existing or proposed disposal system that includes the land application of treated, domestic sewage is covered by this rule.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

Following the early stakeholder outreach, the Agency expects to solicit comments on a draft rule by Summer 2012, and could propose an amended rule by Winter 2012 to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

What additional information is the Agency seeking?

The Agency wants to hear from interested stakeholders who may be impacted by these rule revisions. General comments and specific factual information are welcome.

Ohio EPA is specifically asking for stakeholders to identify the following:

- Do these rules impact your business?
- Do these rules have an adverse impact on your business? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (e.g., license fees, fines, employer time for compliance).
- Are there any alternative rules (or specific provisions within the rule) that the Agency should consider?

What should I consider as I prepare my comments?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at your estimate.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternatives.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline.

How can I provide input on the rules?

Copies of this fact sheet and the proposed rule are on the Division of Surface Water website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/Home.aspx. For more information about the proposed rule, please contact:

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How can I get more information?

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