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Re: Proposed Rescinded, Amended & New NPDES General Permit Rules
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-38
Wastewater Pollution Control

Dear Interested Parties:

This letter is to inform you of proposed rescinded, amended and new rules for the General NPDES Permit program. Ohio EPA filed the following rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) on **February 24, 2010**:

<u>Rule Number</u>	<u>Rule Title</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>
3745-38-01	Definitions.	Amend
3745-38-02	Requirements for general national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits.	New
3745-38-02	Ohio NPDES permit required.	Rescind
3745-38-03	General permits coverage.	Rescind
3745-38-04	Individual or alternative general permit requirements.	Rescind
3745-38-05	Alternative NPDES authorization.	Rescind
3745-38-06	Notification of general permit coverage.	Rescind
3745-38-07	Criteria for issuing and renewing general permits.	Rescind
3745-38-08	Modification of general permits.	Rescind
3745-38-09	Transfer of general permit coverage.	Rescind
3745-38-10	Applicability of rules procedure.	Rescind
3745-38-11	Revocation of general permits.	Rescind
3745-38-12	Termination of general permit coverage.	Rescind

The following list highlights the major points in the new rules:

Rule	Title	Changes being proposed
3745-38-01	Definitions	Removed "Ohio" from definitions regarding general and individual NPDES permits and re-alphabetized accordingly.

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Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

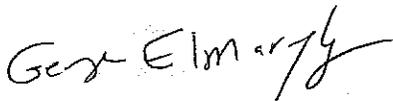
Rule	Title	Changes being proposed
3745-38-02	Requirements for general national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits	Reorganized existing rules -02 to -12 into -02 to reduce the number of rules from twelve to two. All the existing language is in the proposed rule with three changes. Specified sewage sludge point sources are eligible for general permits. Specifies renewal NOI and fee requirements by general permit type. Required the permit transfer application deadline from 60 to 30 days to match U.S. EPA's current rules.

Enclosed is the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The public hearing is scheduled in Columbus at **10:30 a.m. on March 31, 2010**, as described in the enclosed notice. The enclosed notice also explains how to submit comments. The Agency welcomes your comments on the proposed rules. Please note the comment period ends at **5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010**.

If you would like a copy of the new rules, or if you have any questions about the rulemaking, please contact **John Morrison** at **(614) 644-2259**, or via e-mail at john.morrison@epa.state.oh.us. The proposed rules are also available on the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water Web site at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/rules/drafrules.aspx.

If you would prefer to receive Division of Surface Water rulemaking notices via e-mail, please send your name and e-mail address to Mr. Morrison.

Sincerely,



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