

# Ohio EPA Resource Guide



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## About Ohio EPA

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) was created on October 23, 1972. It combined functions which previously had been located throughout a number of State departments into a single Agency.

Ohio EPA has authority to implement laws and regulations regarding:

- air and water quality standards;
- solid, hazardous and infectious waste disposal standards;
- water quality planning;
- supervision of sewage treatment and public drinking water supplies; and
- clean up of unregulated hazardous waste sites.

Ohio EPA cooperates with government and private agencies, manages some federally funded pollution control projects, obtains technical and laboratory services, establishes advisory boards, investigates environmental problems and disseminates information on environmental programs. The director also authorizes enforcement actions against violators of pollution laws and regulations.

### Ohio EPA's mission:

To protect the environment and human health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws and demonstrating leadership in environmental stewardship.

## Ohio EPA Central Office

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**50 West Town Street, Suite 700**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**Phone: (614) 644-3020**  
**Fax: (614) 644-2329**  
**[www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us)**

Ohio EPA's Central Office is located in Columbus. The director of the Agency, program managers, legal and technical staff are located in the Columbus office. A few of the Agency's regulatory and/or technical programs also are run from Central Office. Responsibilities of Central Office include: program planning, information management, legislative and legal analyses, development and review of rules, policy and guidance, technical assistance and training, funding responsibilities and project work.

## Ohio EPA District Offices

Ohio EPA also has five district offices responsible for overseeing activity in specific counties. See the map with addresses and telephone numbers for each district office on page 2. The district office is organized into an administrative section and technical staff in the following divisions:

- Division of Air Pollution Control
- Division of Surface Water
- Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
- Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management
- Division of Hazardous Waste Management
- Division of Emergency and Remedial Response



**District Offices**

**CDO Central District Office**  
 50 W. Town St., Suite 700  
 Columbus, OH 43215  
 (614) 728-3778  
 (614) 728-3898 Fax  
 (800) 686-2330  
[www.epa.state.oh.us/cdo](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/cdo)

**SEDO Southeast District Office**  
 2195 Front St.  
 Logan, OH 43138  
 (740) 385-8501  
 (740) 3856490 Fax  
 (800) 686-7330  
[www.epa.state.oh.us/sedo](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/sedo)

**NEDO Northeast District Office**  
 2110 E. Auroa Rd.  
 Twinsburg, OH 44087  
 (330) 963-1200  
 (330) 487-0769 Fax  
 (800) 686-6330  
[www.epa.state.oh.us/nedo](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/nedo)

**SWDO Southwest District Office**  
 401 E. Fifth St.  
 Dayton, OH 45402-6357  
 (937) 285-6357  
 (937) 285-6249 Fax  
 (800) 686-8930  
<http://swdoweb.epa.state.oh.us>

**NWDO Northwest District Office**  
 347 N. Dunbridge Rd.  
 Bowling Green, OH 43402  
 (419) 352-8461  
 (419) 352-8468 Fax  
 (800) 686-6930  
[www.epa.state.oh.us/nwdo](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/nwdo)

Toll-free numbers are for citizens with questions or concerns about environmental issues. The regulated community should use the business line for routine business. Spills and emergencies should be reported to (800) 282-9378.

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The administrative section provides clerical and computer support, handles public records requests, processes fees received, assists in purchasing, fiscal and personnel matters at the district office. The Ohio EPA district office that oversees the county in which your business is located would be your point of contact for questions about environmental regulations.

Responsibilities of technical staff in the districts include: Reviewing permit applications; evaluating sites for proposed facilities; investigating complaints; inspecting air, hazardous waste, solid waste, drinking water and water pollution control facilities; identifying environmental violations and preparing recommendations for enforcement; overseeing the clean up of abandoned hazardous waste sites; providing technical assistance to municipalities and industry; assessing air and water quality conditions; and managing the Agency's pollution control programs at the local level.

Interacting with the public is important to the work of the district offices. Staff members in each district office look forward to speaking with organizations about environmental subjects. Speakers can be arranged by calling the district office responsible for your county

Although individual work hours may vary within each district, Ohio EPA's office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Ohio EPA Divisions

### Division of Air Pollution Control

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc)

Phone: (614) 644-2270

Fax: (614) 644-3681

The Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) prepares and implements plans to ensure that Ohio's air meets the national air quality standards established by U.S. EPA for ground-level ozone, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and lead. To monitor attainment with the standards, Ohio EPA operates 246 ambient air monitors, including 50 ozone monitors.

DAPC reviews requests for permits to install new air pollution sources. Ohio has as many as 80,000 sources of air pollution in the permit system, including 700 major facilities that require comprehensive state and federal operating permits. Biannually, Ohio EPA inspects facilities that emit more than 100 tons of air pollution.

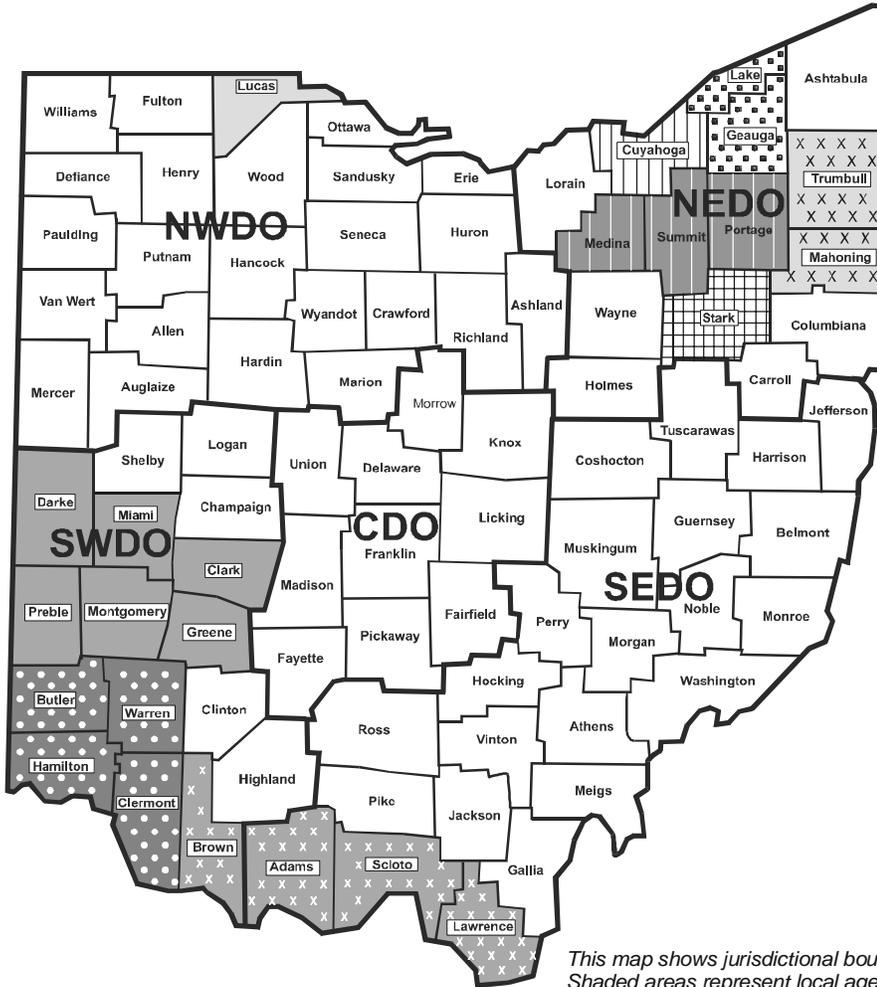
DAPC also oversees E-Check, the automobile inspection and maintenance program known. Vehicles must be tested biannually in several Ohio counties to ensure that their emission control systems are operating correctly.

DAPC staff conduct specialized air toxic monitoring studies, monitor potential "hot spot" air toxic areas, and respond to nuisance investigations and asbestos complaints.

DAPC maintains a database of annual reports from 1,700 facilities that release or transfer toxic chemicals. The risk management planning program requires more than 500 Ohio facilities to develop plans to prevent accidental releases to the air and to mitigate releases that do occur. Ohio EPA also supports the activities of the State Emergency Response Commission by administering the chemical inventory reporting program, under which approximately 8,000 facilities file annual reports indicating the quantity and location of chemicals stored at facilities throughout Ohio.

To help meet these goals, DAPC staff in the district offices conduct field inspections and review plans/permit applications to ensure compliance with the rules. There also are several local air pollution control agencies (see map on page 4) throughout Ohio that have been delegated certain air pollution control responsibilities by Ohio EPA. These agencies work under a contract with Ohio EPA to perform the same activities as Ohio EPA's district offices.

# Ohio EPA District Offices and Local Air Pollution Control Agencies



This map shows jurisdictional boundaries.  
Shaded areas represent local agencies within Ohio EPA districts.



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**SWDO Southwest District Office**  
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Dayton, OH 45402-2911  
(937) 285-6357 FAX (937) 285-6249

## Local Air Pollution Control Agencies

 **Akron Regional Air Quality Management District**  
146 South High St, Room 904  
Akron, Ohio 44308  
(330) 375-2480 FAX (330) 375-2402

 **Cleveland Dept. of Public Health Division of Air Quality**  
1925 St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2080  
(216) 664-2297 FAX (216) 420-8047

 **Portsmouth Local Air Agency**  
605 Washington St., Third Floor  
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662  
(740) 353-5156 FAX (740) 353-3638

 **Air Pollution Control Division Canton City Health Dept.**  
420 Market Ave. North  
Canton, Ohio 44702-1544  
(330) 489-3385 FAX (330) 489-3335

 **Regional Air Pollution Control Agency Montgomery County Health Dept.**  
117 South Main St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45422-1280  
(937) 225-4435 FAX (937) 225-3486

 **City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services**  
348 South Erie Street  
Toledo, Ohio 43604  
(419) 936-3015 FAX (419) 936-3959

 **Dept. of Environmental Services Air Quality Programs**  
250 William Howard Taft Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219-2660  
(513) 946-7777 FAX (513) 946-7778

 **Lake County General Health District Air Pollution Control \***  
33 Mill Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077  
(440) 350-2543 FAX (440) 350-2548

 **Mahoning-Trumbull APC Agency \***  
345 Oak Hill Ave., Suite 200  
Youngstown, Ohio 44502  
(330) 743-3333 FAX (330) 744-1928

\*Facilities located within these jurisdictions should file air permit applications with Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office (NEDO).

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## **Division of Drinking and Ground Waters**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw)

Phone: (614) 644-2752

Fax: (614) 644-2909

The Safe Drinking Water Act helps to assure that Ohio's citizens have an adequate supply of safe drinking water. The Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) regulates all public water supply systems (PWS). The Drinking Water Section oversees more than 6,500 PWS in Ohio, ranging from large community systems for major Ohio cities to smaller PWS such as those in schools, businesses and campgrounds. DDAGW staff review water quality monitoring reports, inspect PWS and review plans for new or upgraded PWS. Division staff also assist PWS in assessing source water contamination susceptibility and protecting these waters.

DDAGW staff also protect underground water resources by assessing potential ground water quality impacts from various waste treatment and disposal facilities and regulating underground waste fluid disposal. The division also coordinates activities within Ohio EPA and with other state agencies on issues related to ground water.

The Agency administers the examination, certification and ongoing education requirements for more than 10,000 water and wastewater treatment facility operators throughout Ohio. Agency staff also certify and inspect laboratories that are authorized to perform drinking water analyses.

## **Division of Emergency and Remedial Response**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/derr](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr)

Phone: (614) 644-2924

Fax: (614) 644-3146

The Division of Emergency and Remedial Response (DERR) responds to releases of hazardous materials, petroleum and radiation and partners with local and state emergency management officials to minimize and prevent releases to the environment. DERR staff also perform site assessments at locations where there is suspected contamination to determine whether there is a threat to human health or the environment that requires remedial action.

DERR responds to, investigates and cleans up abandoned drums or containers that have been illegally dumped and contain unknown waste. In addition to assisting local authorities with these orphan drum sites, staff also conduct investigations to identify the responsible parties.

The division also serves as the first point of contact for anyone with questions or concerns about brownfield properties and coordinates site assessments, oversees Ohio's brownfield programs, markets Ohio's cleanup programs and conducts outreach and training to local governments. The division assists the Ohio Department of Development with management of the Clean Ohio Fund by providing technical assistance to applicants, reviewing applications and monitoring cleanups for compliance with applicable standards.

Through DERR's Voluntary Action Program (VAP), certified environmental professionals work with property owners to investigate and clean up environmental contamination to allow for redevelopment.

## **Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/defa](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/defa)

Phone: (614) 644-2789

Fax: (614) 644-3687

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) delivers financial and technical assistance to protect Ohio's public health and improve the quality of its surface and ground waters. The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) is the state's largest lender for publicly owned wastewater facilities construction, and it also provides financing for a wide variety of nonpoint source pollution control actions. The Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) offers low-cost financing for improvements to community drinking water systems, with special emphasis on assisting small communities.

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## **Division of Environmental Services**

Phone: (614) 644-4247

Fax: (614) 644-4272

Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental Services (DES) provides quality biological and chemical data and technical assistance to other Ohio EPA divisions as well as other state and local agencies.

## **Division of Hazardous Waste Management**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm)

Phone: (614) 644-2917

Fax: (614) 644-1245

The Division of Hazardous Waste Management (DHWM) implements Ohio's hazardous waste management program and regulates facilities that generate, transport, treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste. Activities include conducting inspections; pursuing appropriate enforcement; responding to complaints; reviewing and approving closure/post-closure plans and corrective action plans and reports; reviewing and issuing final actions on renewal and modification permit applications; adopting new and revised rules; and providing technical assistance and educational outreach to the regulated community and public.

DHWM also implements Ohio's Cessation of Regulated Operations (CRO) program. The goal of this program is to prevent threats to human health and the environment that may be created when businesses where hazardous substances were produced, used, stored or otherwise handled are closed or abandoned.

## **Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm)

Phone: (614) 644-2621

Fax: (614) 644-5315

The Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM) administers programs to ensure the proper planning and management of Ohio's solid waste. This involves the oversight of operating landfills, transfer facilities, compost facilities, scrap tire facilities and scrap tire transporters. The division also regulates the management and treatment of infectious waste and construction and demolition debris landfills. The division also provides oversight of Ohio's solid waste management districts and approved local health district programs.

## **Division of Surface Water**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw)

Phone: (614) 644-2001

Fax: (614) 644-2745

The Division of Surface Water (DSW) monitors and regulates water quality in all surface waters of the state including 29,000 miles of perennial streams, more than 5,000 lakes, ponds and reservoirs, a 451-mile border on the Ohio River, 236 miles of Lake Erie shoreline, and countless natural and constructed wetlands. Ohio EPA develops water quality standards, performs wetland assessments, studies streams to identify water quality problems and recommends actions to eliminate these problems.

DSW regulates discharges from industrial, storm water, mining and municipal point sources. Permits issued to these sources include pollutant limits and requirements to protect water quality and ensure compliance with state and federal requirements. DSW also enforces compliance with permit conditions and water quality regulations and administers federal Clean Water Act grants to abate nonpoint sources of pollution such as agricultural runoff.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) projects are underway in many of Ohio's watersheds. The TMDL program, established in the Clean Water Act, focuses on identifying and restoring polluted surface water. A TMDL is a written, quantitative assessment of water quality problems, contributing sources of pollution and proposed actions necessary for restoration and protection. Ohio's systematic approach to restoring impaired waters enhances traditional requirements with comprehensive monitoring and follow-up implementation.

# Other Ohio EPA Programs

## **Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp)

Phone: (800) 329-7518 or (614) 644-3469

Fax: (614) 644-2807

The Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) provides compliance and pollution prevention assistance on environmental issues related to air, waste and water.

Created in 2004, the office combined the staff from the Small Business Assistance Office, that previously focused on Central Ohio, the Division of Air Pollution Control's Small Business Assistance Program, which dealt only with air issues, and the Office of Pollution Prevention. Combining these functions enabled the Agency to expand its services statewide.

The Compliance Assistance program helps Ohio businesses understand and comply with the environmental regulations that apply to them. This includes a wide range of environmental regulations from air and water pollution to waste management. Services include a toll-free hotline, site visits, quarterly newsletter, assistance completing air permit application forms, environmental workshops and publications that explain environmental requirements in plain English. These services help businesses achieve compliance with environmental regulations; protect workers' health and safety; preserve natural resources; and reduce liability and the potential for violations or penalties.

OCAPP is a not a regulatory program at Ohio EPA. Information shared with OCAPP staff is not shared with Ohio EPA inspection or enforcement staff.

## **Office of Environmental Education**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef)

Phone: (614) 644-2873

Fax: (614) 728-1275

This office administers the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, which awards more than \$1 million annually in grants to primary and secondary schools, universities, environmental advocacy groups, industry associations, nonprofit groups and others for projects that increase awareness and understanding of environmental issues throughout Ohio.

The Office of Environmental Education also works closely with partner organizations and other government agencies to promote and coordinate environmental education efforts. The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides financial support to several projects in response to the findings of the Ohio Comparative Risk Project. The Ohio Comparative Risk Project is a citizen-based environmental planning project that evaluates environmental problems in Ohio based on scientific evidence and public values. The information is being used to develop an environmental priority list and strategies so policymakers and citizens can use them to reduce risks.

# Major Environmental Laws

There are many environmental regulations that apply to small businesses such as printers, auto maintenance shops, dry cleaners, contractors and others. For small business owners with many priorities, it can be challenging to determine which regulations apply and how to keep up with the changes in the law.

This resource guide describes the major environmental laws for which Ohio EPA is responsible. It provides only a broad overview of the major environmental laws that could apply to a small business. It does not cover every requirement. Technical staff and written resources in each Ohio EPA division are available to help businesses gain a better understanding of environmental regulations.

Business owners should be aware that other agencies responsible for environmental regulations such as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, State Fire Marshal's Office and health departments. To more get information about additional requirements that could apply to your business, it may be necessary to contact these or other agencies.

## Clean Air Act

The Clean Air Act regulates sources of air pollution, including stationary sources, such as manufacturing plants, and mobile sources, such as cars and planes. Under the law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for protection of public health and the environment. States are required to meet NAAQS through state-specific implementation plans that help control the emissions of air pollutants.

Some examples of regulated air pollutants include: volatile organic compounds, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone, particulates, carbon monoxide and toxic chemicals. The Clean Air Act has been amended several times, most recently in 1990 to address problems such as acid rain, ozone depletion and air toxics.

The 1990 amendments include several new requirements that apply directly to smaller sources of air pollution, often small businesses. Under the Clean Air Act, businesses are required to get permits for sources/activities that discharge pollutants to the air. Permits are required to install (permit-to-install) and to operate (permit-to-operate) sources of air pollution. The permit indicates which pollutants are being released, how much may be released and how the pollutants will be controlled or monitored.

## Clean Air Act and Small Businesses

A small business is regulated under the Clean Air Act and may need to obtain a permit if it operates a unit that discharges air pollutants. Examples of typical units/activities at small businesses that might be regulated include:

- coating/paint booths
- dry-cleaning machines
- solvent degreasing units
- printing presses
- metal parts finishing/electroplating units
- gasoline dispensing systems, storage tanks
- grinding/sandblasting areas
- process ovens and boilers

Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control is responsible for the Clean Air Act programs. Some counties also are regulated by local air pollution control agencies. Call your district office for more information.

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## **Clean Water Act**

The Clean Water Act (CWA), a 1977 amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (1972), regulates discharges of pollutants to “waters of the United States.” Examples of such waterways would include streams, ditches, rivers and lakes. Under this law, U.S. EPA’s authority includes setting pollution limits on discharges from municipal, industrial, commercial, and certain agricultural sources.

Determining which wastewater requirements apply to your company can be challenging. A business that discharges wastewater directly to any surface water must obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from Ohio EPA. The NPDES permit helps maintain the quality of our surface waters by controlling the quantity and types of pollutants that can be discharged. The permit typically contains discharge (“effluent”) limitations, monitoring and reporting requirements.

The Clean Water Act also includes regulations for companies that discharge wastewater to a local wastewater/sewage treatment plant (also called a publicly owned treatment works or POTW). These companies (called indirect dischargers) are subject to pretreatment regulations under the CWA. If a company is discharging wastewater to a public treatment system, obtaining a permit and/or permission from the treatment facility for the discharge may be necessary.

Storm water runoff from certain industrial and construction sites also can carry pollutants directly to surface waters. In 1987, the CWA was amended to include regulations for controlling storm water runoff from certain industrial and construction sites. Under these rules, permits and storm water management plans are required by some companies.

### **Clean Water Act and Small Businesses**

A small business is subject to CWA requirements if it has wastewater discharges. Obtaining a permit for discharges may be necessary. Units such as holding tanks, catch basins, oil/water separators used to collect or treat wastewaters also would be subject to some permitting requirements. In addition, certain small businesses (such as industrial manufacturing plants) may be required to obtain a storm water permit and develop a storm water management plan. In addition to the above, under Ohio’s water pollution control laws, a business must submit plans and obtain a permit for the installation or modification of an on-site sewage treatment or septic system.

Ohio EPA’s Division of Surface Water is responsible for the Clean Water Act programs. Call your district office for more information.

## **Safe Drinking Water Act**

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1974 was passed to protect our sources of drinking water. These include sources currently in use and those that have the potential to be used for drinking water in the future. The law covers both above ground and underground sources of drinking water.

Under the law, U.S. EPA is authorized to establish water quality standards to ensure that drinking water is free from harmful contaminants such as organic, heavy metal, radioactive and biological contaminants. Other standards, set to control contaminants such as suspended solids, chlorides, iron and pH, help improve the quality of drinking water as well.

Public water systems are subject to water quality standards and operating requirements under the SDWA. Public water systems are those that have at least 15 connections or regularly provide drinking water to 25 or more people (60 or more days per year). There also are standards that apply to the construction/installation of new public water systems.

The regulations include standards that communities must follow to help protect their drinking water wells (called wellhead protection). For the protection of ground water sources, there also are strict regulations and permitting requirements for companies that inject wastes underground.

## **Safe Drinking Water Act and Small Businesses**

If a business has its own drinking water well that meets the definition of a public water system, drinking water regulations would apply. Regulations also would apply to new drinking water well construction. Businesses disposing of industrial wastes in underground units such as pits, wells or septic tanks also are subject to EPA's underground injection control (UIC) regulations.

Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters is responsible for the Safe Drinking Water Act Programs. Call your local Ohio EPA district office for more information.

## **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976 provided EPA the authority to regulate the management of wastes. RCRA was enacted to regulate active waste management sites. Abandoned or old, inactive sites are regulated differently (see section on CERCLA).

Ohio's regulations, adopted under RCRA's authority include regulations for wastes such as trash, compost waste, scrap tires and construction/demolition debris. Waste haulers, composting facilities, transfer facilities and landfills are some of the handlers that must meet requirements. State standards also have been established for facilities that handle infectious/medical wastes.

RCRA also sets standards for how hazardous wastes must be handled from point of generation to final disposal (called cradle-to-grave regulation). The hazardous waste regulations apply to anyone who generates, transports, treats, stores or disposes of hazardous waste.

## **RCRA and Small Businesses**

A small business owner is subject to regulations if the company generates or handles waste. Solid wastes must be sent to a licensed landfill. Companies that handle wastes such as scrap tires, compost waste, infectious waste and construction and demolition debris must follow additional requirements.

Requirements also will apply if your company generates a hazardous waste. Examples of common hazardous wastes generated by small businesses include:

- dirty solvents
- spent acids
- old chemicals
- mercury-containing fluorescent bulbs
- painting/sandblasting wastes
- process sludges, still bottoms

The Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management is responsible for Ohio EPA's solid and infectious waste programs. The Division of Hazardous Waste Management is responsible for Ohio EPA's hazardous waste program. Call your district office for more information.

## **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**

CERCLA established a federal "Superfund" to help clean up abandoned, contaminated waste sites. Through CERCLA, U.S. EPA can seek out parties responsible for contaminating these sites and take enforcement action against them requiring their cooperation in the cleanup.

## **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know**

Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) created the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). This law helps provide emergency responders and the public access to information about hazardous chemicals in their communities. Under EPCRA, reporting requirements for businesses include:

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### *Emergency Release Notification (Section 304)*

Reporting requirements for accidental releases of certain hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substances or oil in greater than threshold quantities (also called reportable quantities).

### *Community Right-to-Know Reporting (Sections 311-312)*

Reporting requirements for companies that store hazardous chemicals on their property. This section applies to any facility that (1) is required by OSHA to have a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS ) for a hazardous chemical and (2) that has hazardous chemicals on-site in greater than threshold quantities.

### *Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (Section 313)*

Data gathered under this program is used by EPA to establish an inventory of routine toxic chemical emissions from companies (called the Toxic Release Inventory or TRI). A company must file a report under this section if (1) it has 10 or more full-time employees (2) has specific Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code(s) and (3) manufacturers/processes toxic chemicals in greater than threshold quantities.

## **EPCRA, TRI and Small Businesses**

A small business may be required to submit reports under these regulations if it is storing certain chemicals on-site in greater than the “threshold” amounts. Additionally, the company may be required to report if there is a chemical release or spill.

Call your district office for more information about EPCRA reporting requirements. Call Ohio EPA’s Division of Air Pollution Control, Central Office for more information about TRI requirements.

## **Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Regulation**

The Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulation (40 CFR, Part 112) came into effect in 1974. This regulation established spill prevention and spill control requirements for facilities storing certain quantities of oil. The definition of oil is very broad, including, but not limited to, fuel oils, mineral and vegetable oils, animal oils, lubricating oils, greases and oil mixed with waste. This regulation applies to nontransportation related facilities having:

- A total above ground oil storage capacity of greater than 1,320 gallons; or
- A total underground storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons. (This excludes tanks regulated by the State Fire Marshal’s Office, Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks.)

The SPCC regulations apply specifically to a company’s total oil storage capacity, regardless of whether the tank or container is completely filled. If you store oil in containers that are less than 55 gallons in size, you do not have to include these in your SPCC storage capacity.

Facilities regulated under this program have a reasonable expectation of discharging to a navigable waterway in the event of an oil spill. A facility meeting the above criteria is required to prepare and implement an SPCC plan. This plan details the facility’s oil storage and spill prevention measures, and outlines the procedures to be taken in case of spill. Personnel training and facility security also are addressed in the plan. The written SPCC plan must be certified by a registered professional engineer. The plan must be reviewed every five years, or whenever there is a change at the facility. The written SPCC plan also must be submitted to U.S. EPA whenever there is a spill of 1,000 gallons or more, or two releases of more than 42 gallons each within a 12-month period.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 revised portions of the SPCC regulation. Any facility considered to pose a “significant and substantial harm” to the environment, based on the amount of oil stored (one million gallons), or location (within a certain distance from sensitive environments or a facility that conducts fuel transfers over water), must prepare a Facility Response Plan (FRP). This is a comprehensive spill response plan and must be submitted to and approved by U.S. EPA. Typically, only very large facilities or facilities located directly on waterways are subject to this requirement.

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## Toxic Substances Control Act

The Federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) was enacted on October 11, 1976. The statute focuses on chemical raw materials rather than wastes, effluents, or emissions. TSCA contains four titles:

- Title I - the Control of Toxic Substances
- Title II - the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
- Title III - the Indoor Radon Abatement Act
- Title IV - the Lead-Based Paint Exposure Reduction Act

Under TSCA, chemical manufacturing companies must test the toxic effects of new chemicals. Manufacturers and importers of new chemicals have reporting requirements under this program. TSCA often is regarded as a regulatory program affecting only chemical manufacturers. However, there are some provisions that apply to a broader group because TSCA includes regulations for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), asbestos and chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).

### **TSCA and Small Businesses**

A small business may be subject to the TSCA requirements if it has any equipment on-site that contains PCBs. PCBs were widely used before 1979 to insulate electrical equipment such as transformers, capacitors, switches and voltage regulators (including lamp ballasts). PCBs were commonly found in hydraulic systems and heat transfer systems. Although the use of PCBs was banned in 1979, certain pieces of equipment containing PCBs were allowed to remain in service, provided that certain precautions have been taken.

If your business has equipment that contains PCBs, there are specific requirements under TSCA that must be followed. Continued use of PCB electrical equipment is dependent on compliance with the use authorizations and marking requirements found in the PCB regulations. PCB regulations are found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 761 (40 CFR 761). Ohio EPA has a cooperative agreement with U.S. EPA to inspect facilities for compliance with the Federal regulations.

# Public Participation at Ohio EPA

**Public Interest Center**  
**Ohio EPA**  
**P. O. Box 1049**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049**  
**Phone: (614) 644-2160**  
[www.epa.state.oh.us/pic](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/pic)

## Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center

The Agency places a high priority on public involvement and encourages citizens to become involved in the decision-making processes. Public involvement efforts include public hearings, informational meetings, media briefings, advisory board meetings, round table discussions and distributing various publications. Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center (PIC) responds to questions from the public and the media about environmental issues and Agency activities.

PIC has three sections: media relations, public involvement and print and electronic communication. Media relations staff prepare news releases, conduct news conferences and perform other activities to keep the public informed of Agency activities. Public involvement staff members plan, develop and implement public involvement activities for all Agency programs. Print and electronic communication staff provide layout and graphic services for Agency publications, create display materials and write publications. The Public Interest Center is located in Ohio EPA's Central Office in Columbus. There is, however, a public involvement coordinator assigned to each Ohio EPA district office.

## Public Information Sessions and Public Hearings

Information sessions and hearings allow for public involvement in activities such as the Agency's permitting process. Ohio EPA issues a variety of permits, including solid waste permits, air permits, hazardous waste permits and wastewater permits. When a draft permit is issued, a 30-day comment period gives citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft and to request a public hearing. The Agency conducts approximately 100 information sessions and public hearings annually. An information session is a panel forum where Ohio EPA presents information about the draft permit and answers citizens' questions. A public hearing is the public's opportunity to comment for the administrative record. This record is included in the information Ohio EPA considers in deciding to issue or deny a permit.

Ohio EPA does not have unlimited authority to address all public concerns relating to a permit. Some concerns may be regulated by other local, state or federal agencies.

The "Weekly Review" is a listing of Ohio EPA activities including announcements of all permit applications received, issued, denied, or modified and all public or adjudication hearings scheduled. If you are interested in receiving The Weekly Review, please contact Ohio EPA's Legal Records Section at (614) 644-2115. The Weekly Review also can be viewed on the Agency's Web site ([www.epa.state.oh.us/legal/pubnots.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/legal/pubnots.html)).

## Conducting File Reviews

Anyone can conduct reviews of Ohio EPA's files about specific companies or sites. Because of the many requests to review files, appointments are usually needed. A minimum of two weeks is usually requested to gather the files and schedule a room for review. Most files about a company or site will be located in the district office that has oversight of the county the business/site is in. The procedures for arranging a file review may vary in each district office. You should contact the appropriate district office to get more information about file review procedures. More information is available in the fact sheet, Procedures for Public Records Requests and File Reviews at [www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/facts/records.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/facts/records.pdf).

## Requesting Speakers

Staff from Ohio EPA are available to speak at meetings and seminars. To arrange for a speaker, contact your district office or the Public Interest Center.

# Ohio EPA Newsletters

Many divisions and offices of Ohio EPA publish and distribute FREE newsletters. The newsletters serve as a way of keeping businesses and the public informed of current environmental issues, EPA activities and the development of regulations and guidance. These newsletters can be helpful in keeping you informed of programs, regulations and resources available to help you stay in compliance.

Most of these newsletters are available on the Agency's Web site [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us). You also can ask to be added to a newsletter's mailing list by going to that newsletter's Web page or by contacting the division or office directly. A description of each newsletter published by Ohio EPA is provided below.

## ***Compliance and Prevention Quarterly***

Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/CPQ/cpqnewslett.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/CPQ/cpqnewslett.html)

A quarterly newsletter to help you keep up with compliance assistance and pollution prevention activities. Get regulatory updates and information on new pollution prevention practices.

## ***Ohio Hazardous Waste Notifier***

Division of Hazardous Waste Management

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/newsletter.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/newsletter.html)

A quarterly newsletter covering topics related to hazardous waste management. The newsletter covers compliance, technical resources, publications and program/regulatory updates. An informative publication for any business that handles hazardous waste.

## ***The Pipeline***

Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/pipeline.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/pipeline.html)

This newsletter is published three times a year for certified drinking water laboratories. The newsletter contains updates on laboratory certification rules, policies and procedures. This newsletter is intended only for laboratories that analyze drinking water.

## ***STARShip Newsletter***

Division of Air Pollution Control

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/starship/starinfo.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/starship/starinfo.html)

An annual newsletter for STARShip Software users. The STARShip software is the data entry module that facilities use to submit state permit-to-operate applications, Title V permit applications and emission reports.

## ***Tech Talk***

Division of Air Pollution Control

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/echeck/other\\_programs/repairin\\_tt.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/echeck/other_programs/repairin_tt.html)

A newsletter for licensed E-Check automotive repair facilities. *Tech Talk* provides updates on the E-Check program, program data, repair facility spotlights, technician profiles and technical tips on emissions related repairs.

## ***Environmental Education Council of Ohio Newsletter Insert***

Office of Environmental Education

[www.eeco-online.org/publications/newsletters.html](http://www.eeco-online.org/publications/newsletters.html)

The Office of Environmental Educations funds an insert in the Environmental Education Council of Ohio's newsletter. The insert provides information about the Ohio Environmental Education Fund grants.

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**PTI News**

Division of Surface Water

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/pti/index.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/pti/index.html)

A bi-annual newsletters providing updates on the latest issues affecting the Division of Surface Water's permit-to-install (PTI) program, including coverage of highlights and key issues pertaining to specific areas of the program.

# Getting Copies of Ohio EPA's Regulations

Ohio's environmental regulations are contained in the Ohio Administrative Code. Ohio EPA has made all of its regulations available at [www.epa.state.oh.us/rules.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/rules.html). You also can sign-up to receive updates on rule revisions on the Web. Printed copies of rules also are available as single rules or sets of regulations. There is a fee associated with requesting some of the printed regulations. There is no fee for viewing or printing the regulations from the Web site. For more information about obtaining printed copies, contact Ohio EPA's Legal Records Section at (614) 644-2129.

Ohio EPA regulations with the associated Agency division and Web link:

## **Air Pollution Regulations**

Division of Air Pollution Control

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/regs.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/regs.html)

## **Cessation of Regulated Operation (CRO) Regulations**

Division of Hazardous Waste Management

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/l\\_rcro.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/l_rcro.html)

## **Drinking and Ground Water Regulations**

Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/rules.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/rules.html)

## **Emergency Planning/Community Right-to-Know Regulations**

Division of Air Pollution Control

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/serc/epcra.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/serc/epcra.html)

## **Hazardous Waste Regulations**

Division of Hazardous Waste

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/laws\\_regs.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/laws_regs.html)

## **Solid and Infectious Waste Regulations**

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm/pages/rules.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm/pages/rules.html)

## **Wastewater Regulations**

Division of Surface Water

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/rules/index.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/rules/index.html)

## **Voluntary Action Program Regulations**

Division of Emergency and Remedial Response

[www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/vap/rules/vaprules.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/vap/rules/vaprules.html)

# Electronic (E-mail) News Services

Some Ohio EPA divisions and offices have created electronic mailing services, or e-mail list services, to provide quick updates on division or office activities. Subscribers to these services receive updates on regulatory decisions, training opportunities, rule changes and other information that may be of interest. There is no fee to subscribe. The following is a list of Ohio EPA programs that provide an electronic news service.

## **Division of Air Pollution Control**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/listserv/listserv.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/listserv/listserv.html)

## **Division of Emergency and Remedial Response**

Brownfield Interested Party List

[www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/sabr.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/sabr.html)

VAP Training Mailing List

[www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/volunt/vapprginf/VAPEmail/vapemail.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/volunt/vapprginf/VAPEmail/vapemail.html)

## **Division of Drinking and Ground Waters**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw)

Electronic mailing lists are on the bottom of the menu right side page.

## **Division of Hazardous Waste Mangement**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/listserv.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/listserv.html)

## **Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm/pages/listserv.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm/pages/listserv.html)

## **Division of Surface Water**

Permit-to-Install (PTI) E-Mail Updates

[www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/pti/PTIEmailUpdate.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/pti/PTIEmailUpdate.html)

## **Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention**

[www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/emailform.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/emailform.html)

# Getting Publications from Ohio EPA's Divisions

Guidance documents, fact sheets and other written materials are available from many of the divisions and offices within Ohio EPA. These publications can help businesses better understand environmental regulations. These publications are free and cover a variety of different topics. For more information, contact the division(s) directly at Central Office or any district office. Many of the publications also are available on the Agency's Web site.

## Ohio EPA Web Sites

Several Ohio EPA divisions have Web sites and offer environmental information to the regulated community. Web sites provide technical resources, including guidance documents and fact sheets and allow businesses to obtain permit applications and information. Some web page offers county-specific information about permit activities and public notices, and news about special programs.

### Divisions, Offices and Districts

Air Pollution Control .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc">www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc</a>
Drinking and Ground Waters .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw">www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw</a>
Hazardous Waste Management .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm">www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm</a>
Solid and Infectious Waste Management .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm">www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm</a>
Emergency and Remedial Response .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr">www.epa.state.oh.us/derr</a>
Surface Water .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw">www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw</a>
Division of Environmental Services .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/des">www.epa.state.oh.us/des</a>
Office of Environmental Education .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef">www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef</a>
Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp">www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp</a>
Environmental and Financial Assistance .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/defa">www.epa.state.oh.us/defa</a>
Director's Office .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dir">www.epa.state.oh.us/dir</a>
Office of Fiscal Administration .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ofa">www.epa.state.oh.us/ofa</a>
Office of Employee Services .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ohr">www.epa.state.oh.us/ohr</a>
Public Interest Center .....	<a href="http://www.epa.ohio.gov/pic">www.epa.ohio.gov/pic</a>
Legal .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/legal">www.epa.state.oh.us/legal</a>
Central District Office .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/cdo">www.epa.state.oh.us/cdo</a>
Northeast District Office .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/nedo">www.epa.state.oh.us/nedo</a>
Northwest District Office .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/nwdo">www.epa.state.oh.us/nwdo</a>
Southeast District Office .....	<a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/sedo">www.epa.state.oh.us/sedo</a>
Southwest District Office .....	<a href="http://swdoweb.epa.state.oh.us">http://swdoweb.epa.state.oh.us</a>

# Environmental Project Financing Information

Financial resources are available to help businesses and municipalities cover the cost of environmental and pollution prevention-related projects. Some major financial resources are highlighted in this resource guide.

Businesses and municipalities seeking additional information about project financing are encouraged to call Ohio EPA or other state agencies such as the Ohio Department of Development.

Program / Description	Eligibility	Contact
<p><b><u>Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund</u></b>            This program provides financial and technical assistance for projects that protect or improve the quality of Ohio's rivers, streams, lakes and other water resources. Planning, design and construction assistance is available for both public and private applicants.</p> <p>Potential projects include municipal wastewater treatment and collection systems, municipal storm water control systems and activities to control nonpoint sources of water pollution.</p> <p>The nonpoint source activities include: agriculture and silviculture improvements and best management practices, wellhead protection, landfill closure, stream corridor restoration and protection, hazardous waste cleanup (brownfields), biomass reuse and Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program projects.</p>	<p>Public entities, except nonpoint source activities. Nonpoint source activities are available for both private and public entities.</p>	<p>Ohio EPA            Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance            (614) 644-2798  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/defa/wpclf.html">www.epa.state.oh.us/defa/wpclf.html</a></p>
<p><b><u>Village Capital Improvement Fund</u></b>            The Village Capital Improvement Fund provides loans up to \$25,000 for planning and up to \$50,000 for designing water supply and wastewater treatment projects. Projects for sewer systems include sewage disposal works, treatment plants and pumping stations. Water supply projects include wells, wellhead protection, dams, reservoirs, intakes, water mains, pumping stations and purification works.</p>	<p>Villages that are or plan to be part of a regional water or sewer district, that have a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• population greater than 500 with a median household income (MHI) of \$37,134 or less.</li> <li>• population of 500 or fewer regardless of MHI.</li> </ul>	<p>Ohio EPA            Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance            (614) 644-2798  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/defa/vcif.html">www.epa.state.oh.us/defa/vcif.html</a></p>
<p><b><u>Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program</u></b>            Through the Ohio Water Supply Revolving Loan Account below-market interest rates loans are available for compliance-related improvements to public water systems. Planning, design and construction assistance is available to enhancing the technical, managerial and financial capacity of these systems.</p>	<p>Community water systems and non-profit non-community public water systems</p>	<p>Ohio EPA            Division of Drinking and Ground Water            (614) 644-2752            or            Ohio EPA            Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance            (614) 644-2798  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/dwaf.html">www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/dwaf.html</a></p>

Program / Description	Eligibility	Contact
<p><b><u>Scrap Tire Market Development Grant</u></b>  As part of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Market Development Grant Program, these grants support the development of Ohio markets for scrap tire recycling in Ohio. These grants are awarded to establish or expand the use of recycled-content materials by manufacturers, or to foster recycling market development research.</p>	<p>Ohio cities with a population greater than 50,000; counties and solid waste management districts or solid waste management authorities. These applicants apply on behalf of local businesses.</p>	<p>Ohio Department of Natural Resources  Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention  (614) 265-6333  DRLP@dnr.state.oh.us  <a href="http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/recycling/">www.dnr.state.oh.us/recycling/</a></p>
<p><b><u>Ohio Environmental Education Fund</u></b>  The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) awards approximately \$1 million annually in grants for education projects targeting pre-school to university students and teachers, the general public, and the regulated community. OEEF funds projects to enhance the public's awareness and understanding of issues affecting environmental quality in Ohio.</p>	<p>Any organization based in Ohio (such as public or private, tax-exempt or proprietary associations, formal or non-formal educational) that holds a federal tax I.D. number is eligible</p>	<p>Ohio EPA  Office of Environmental Education  (614) 644-2873  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oef/">www.epa.state.oh.us/oef/</a></p>
<p><b><u>319 Grant Program</u></b>  These grants are designed to provide financial assistance for projects that eliminate or reduce water quality impairments caused by nonpoint source pollution (NPS) and prevent future NPS related impairments.</p> <p>Projects must be based on locally developed watershed management plans. These projects may include education, public participation, and implementation best management practices.</p>	<p>Public and non-profit entities</p>	<p>Ohio EPA  Division of Surface Water  (614) 644-2001  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/nps">www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/nps</a></p>
<p><b><u>School Bus Diesel Retrofit Program</u></b>  A grant program designed to fund the retrofit of school bus diesel engines. This program is designed to help Ohio meet new air pollution standards and reduce exposure of school children to pollution.</p> <p>Priority will be given to school districts in communities that do not meet the federal air quality standards for outdoor concentrations of fine air particles, and districts that employ additional measures such as anti-idling programs, to reduce emissions from their school bus fleets. Grant awards will range from \$30,000 to \$500,000. A percentage of the total funds available is set aside for smaller eligible school districts.</p>	<p>School buses must be 1994 or newer models, driven a minimum of five thousand miles per year, weigh 19,500 pound or greater and employ only approved control equipment.</p>	<p>Ohio EPA  Division of Environmental Education  (614) 644-2873  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oef/html/schoolbus.html">www.epa.state.oh.us/oef/html/schoolbus.html</a></p>

Program / Description	Eligibility	Contact
<p><b><u>Clean Ohio Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Clean Ohio Fund provides four competitive funds that serve to preserve greenspace, retain farmland, create recreational trails and clean up brownfields, returning them to productive use.</p> <p>Ohio EPA assists the Ohio Department of Development with the management of the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) and Clean Ohio Assistance Fund (COAF). Ohio EPA staff provide technical assistance to applicants during the application process and project implementation, assist in the review of applications with regard to proposed remedies and applicable standards, and review completed cleanups for compliance with applicable standards.</p>	<p>Public entities. Non-profit and for-profit organizations are eligible if they have entered into an agreement with a public entity</p>	<p>Ohio EPA  Division of Emergency and Remedial Response  (614) 644-2924  <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/ohfund/ohfund.html">www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/SABR/ohfund/ohfund.html</a></p>
<p><b><u>Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund offers below-market rate loans to assist with the remediation of a brownfield property to return it to a productive economic use in the community. The regulatory program governing a cleanup/remediation under these investments is the Voluntary Action Program Memorandum of Agreement administered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.</p>	<p>Public or private entities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control (ownership or purchase option) or have access to an eligible site;</li> <li>• Are exempt from CERCLA liability;</li> <li>• Are authorized to incur debt and enter into legally binding agreements;</li> <li>• Are financially sound; and</li> <li>• They completed an economically viable redevelopment plan</li> </ul>	<p>Ohio Department of Development  Office of Urban Development  (614) 995-2292  <a href="http://www.odod.state.oh.us/ud/BCRLF.htm">www.odod.state.oh.us/ud/BCRLF.htm</a></p>
<p><b><u>Ohio Energy Loan Fund</u></b></p> <p>The Ohio Energy Loan Fund was established to provide an incentive for Ohioans to proceed with energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. It reduces the interest rate on standard bank loans for those qualifying Ohio residents and businesses who borrow money to implement an energy efficiency or renewables energy project.</p>	<p>Ohio residents and businesses</p>	<p>Ohio Department of Development  Office of Energy Efficiency  (800) 848-1300</p>

Program / Description	Eligibility	Contact
<p><b><u>Ohio Air Quality Development Authority Loans</u></b>  The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OADQA) issues bonds with attractive terms, providing substantial benefits for companies seeking financing for air pollution control and pollution prevention equipment. Certain projects also may qualify for state and local tax savings.</p> <p>OADQA also provides loans to help small businesses finance pollution control or prevention projects. In addition to the loans, OADQA provides small business grants to cover the closing costs of financing pollution control projects</p>	Businesses	Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (614) 224-3383 or (800) 225-5051 <a href="http://www.ohioairquality.org">www.ohioairquality.org</a>
<p><b><u>Community Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants</u></b>  These grants are available to implement state-wide solid waste reduction, recycling and litter prevention programs.</p>	Counties, solid waste districts (SWDs) and cities with a population of greater than 50,000	Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention (614) 265-6333 DRLP@dnr.state.oh.us <a href="http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/recycling/">www.dnr.state.oh.us/recycling/</a>
<p><b><u>Market Development Grant</u></b>  These grants support the development of Ohio markets for scrap tires and other waste materials collected for recycling in Ohio. These grants are awarded to establish or expand the use of recycled-content materials by manufacturers, or to foster recycling market development research.</p>	Ohio cities with a population greater than 50,000; counties and solid waste management districts or solid waste management authorities. These applicants apply on behalf of local businesses.	Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention (614) 265-6333 DRLP@dnr.state.oh.us <a href="http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/recycling/">www.dnr.state.oh.us/recycling/</a>
<p><b><u>Air Pollution Control Equipment Tax Exemption Program</u></b>  Tax incentives for businesses purchasing air or noise pollution control equipment.</p>	Purchasers of air or noise pollution control equipment	Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control (614) 644-2270 <a href="http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/engineer/taxempt.html">www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/engineer/taxempt.html</a>
<p><b><u>Water Pollution Control Equipment Tax Exemption Program</u></b>  Tax incentives for businesses purchasing water pollution control equipment.</p>	Purchasers of water pollution control equipment	Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water (614) 644-2001

# Who do I Call at Ohio EPA With Questions About...

When calling Ohio EPA about a specific issue, unless otherwise indicated below, please call the district office in which you are located and ask for the division most closely related to your issue.

## Division, Office and Program Abbreviations

DAPC .....	Division of Air Pollution Control
DDAGW .....	Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
DEFA .....	Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
DERR .....	Division of Emergency and Remedial Response
DHWM .....	Division of Hazardous Waste Management
DSIWM .....	Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management
DSW .....	Division of Surface Water
UIC .....	Underground Injection Control Program
OCAPP .....	Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
PIC .....	Public Interest Center

## Waste Program Contacts

Abandoned Drums .....	DERR
Antifreeze Disposal .....	DHWM
Batteries/Disposal .....	DHWM
Composting .....	DSIWM
Construction/Demolition Debris .....	DSIWM
Chemical Information .....	DERR
Fluorescent Lamps .....	DHWM
Hazardous Waste	
Annual Reports .....	DHWM
Generator EPA ID #s .....	DHWM
Waste Evaluation .....	DHWM
Manifest Discrepancies .....	DHWM
Manifest Forms .....	DHWM
Disposal Facilities .....	DHWM
Hospital/Infectious Wastes .....	DSIWM
Landfills/Solid Waste .....	DSIWM
Lead Abatement/Waste Disposal .....	DHWM
Paint/Disposal .....	DHWM
Petroleum Contaminated Soil .....	DHWM
Recycling	
General Information .....	DSIWM
Hazardous Waste .....	DHWM
Tires .....	DSIWM
Waste Oil .....	DHWM
Household Hazardous Waste .....	DSIWM
Waste Exchange Programs .....	OCAPP
Scrap Tires .....	DSIWM
Soil Contamination .....	DHWM
Solid Waste/General Information .....	DSIWM
Solvents/Contaminated Shop Towels .....	DHWM
Spills (Emergency Reporting) .....	DERR
Spills (Technical Information) .....	DERR
Waste Oil .....	DHWM

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## Water Program Contacts

Agriculture	
Animal Waste Feedlots .....	DSW
Drainage Wells .....	DDAGW, UIC
Animal Waste Best Management Practices .....	DSW
Livestock .....	DSW
Antidegradation .....	DSW
Changing Streams and Wetlands .....	DSW
Dead Fish .....	DSW
Discharge Limits/Industrial and Public .....	DSW
Dredging .....	DSW
Dry Wells .....	DDAGW
UIC Effluent Analysis .....	DSW
Fees	
Injection Wells .....	DDAGW, UIC
Drinking Water .....	DDAGW
NPDES .....	DSW
Operator Certificate .....	DSW
Discharges .....	DSW
Process Wastewater .....	DSW
Permits to Install .....	DSW
Industrial Wastewater Discharge .....	DSW
Non-Community Water Systems .....	DDAGW
Power Washing .....	DSW
Pretreatment .....	DSW
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Drinking Water Wells .....	DDAGW
Plan Review .....	DDAGW
Cross-Connection .....	DDAGW
Bacteria Problems .....	DDAGW
Regulations .....	DDAGW
Septic Tanks/Semi-Public .....	DSW
Sludge/Land Application .....	DSW
Stormwater Regulations/Permits .....	DSW
Wastewater Treatment Units/Equipment .....	DSW
Water Pollution .....	DSW
Well Water .....	DDAGW
Wetlands .....	DSW

## Air Program Contacts

Air Emissions .....	DAPC
Asbestos .....	DAPC
Asphalt/Paving .....	DAPC
Boilers/Industrial Furnaces .....	DAPC
Complaints (Odors, Other Air Issues) .....	DAPC
Emergency Planning & Community Right-To-Know .....	DAPC
Freon Recovery Requirements	
Motor Vehicles and Appliances .....	U.S. EPA, (800) 296-1996
Fugitive Dust .....	DAPC
Gas Stations .....	DAPC
HVAC .....	U.S. EPA, (800) 296-1996
Open Burning .....	DAPC

Paint Booths .....	DAPC
SARA 313 Reports .....	DAPC
Sandblasting .....	DAPC
SARA (Right-To-Know) 311/312 .....	DAPC
Permits	
Permit Application Forms .....	DAPC
Permits to Install/Operate Status .....	DAPC
Small Business Assistance .....	OCAPP
Storage Tanks/Vapor Recovery .....	DAPC

**General Ohio EPA Contacts**

Emergency Spill Response .....	DERR, (800) 282-9378
Pollution Prevention/Waste Minimization .....	OCAPP, (614) 644-3469
Public Information/Meetings .....	PIC, (614) 644-2160
Regulations (Getting Copies) .....	Legal, (614) 644-2115
Speakers Bureau .....	PIC, (614) 644-2160
Voluntary Action Program/Brownfields .....	DERR, (614) 644-2924

**Financing Resources**

Tax Exemptions/Wastewater Equipment .....	DSW, (614) 644-2856
Tax Exemptions/Air Pollution Control .....	DAPC, (614) 644-2270
Voluntary Action Program/Financing .....	DERR, (614) 644-2924
Water and Sewer Projects .....	DEFA, (614) 644-2798

**Other Environmental Contacts**

Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks (BUSTR) .....	(614) 752-7938
Department of Commerce, State Fire Marshal's Office	
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)	
General Information .....	(800) 582-1708
On-Site Consultation Service .....	(800) 282-1425
Ohio Department of Agriculture	
Pesticides and Applicator Licensing .....	(614) 728-6200
Livestock Environmental Permitting Program .....	(614) 387-0470
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	
Well Sealing .....	(614) 265-6717
Gas/Oil Wells .....	(614) 265-6922
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	
Transportation of Hazardous Materials (Waste) .....	(614) 466-0351
Ohio Department of Transportation .....	(614) 466-7100
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
Wetlands, Changing Streams .....	(304) 399-5210

The Clean Air Resource Center .....

(614) 728-3540

The Clean Air Resource Center offers free and confidential assistance to small business owners in Ohio about complying with Ohio's air pollution control regulations. This assistance consists primarily of evaluating technologies for air pollution control that would be appropriate for small businesses and providing loans for small businesses to purchase and install necessary air pollution control equipment.

# Environmental Acronyms

Below are some common acronyms used for various EPA divisions, offices and environmental regulations.

CAA	Clean Air Act
CWA	Clean Water Act
CDO	Central District Office
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CRO	Cessation of Regulated Operations
DAPC	Division of Air Pollution Control
DDAGW	Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
DEFA	Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
DERR	Division of Emergency and Remedial Response
DES	Division of Environmental Services
DHWM	Division of Hazardous Waste Management
DIR	Director's Office
DO	District Office
DSIWM	Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management
DSW	Division of Surface Water
EAU	Environmental Assessment Unit
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know
ERSIS	Emergency Response Special Investigation Section
LEGAL	Legal Office
NEDO	Northeast District Office
NWDO	Northwest District Office
O&F	Office of Operations & Facilities
OAC	Ohio Administrative Code
OCAPP	Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention
OEEF	Ohio Environmental Education Fund
OES	Office of Employee Services
OFA	Office of Fiscal Administration
ORC	Ohio Revised Code
PIC	Public Interest Center
PTI	Permit to Install
PTO	Permit to Operate
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RTK	Right to Know
SABR	Site Assessment and Brownsfield Revitalization
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SEDO	Southeast District Office
SWDO	Southwest District Office
SIFU	Site Investigations Field Unit
SIU	Special Investigations Unit
TRI	Toxic Release Inventory
UIC	Underground Injection Control Program
VAP	Voluntary Action Program

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