

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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Public Notice: Draft Amendments to the Well Standard and Plan Approval Rules

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) drafted amendments to rules in Chapter 3745-9 and Chapter 3745-91 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) establishing well standards and public water system (PWS) plan approval rules for the state of Ohio. The draft amendments are, in part, a result of the five year rule review requirements of Section 119.032 of the Revised Code.

All rules in Chapter 3745-9 of the OAC were revised. The scope of revisions includes the following:

- consolidate and streamlining rules;
- clarify non-potable well requirements;
- review rules for consistency with private water system rules;
- add and revising definitions;
- add alternative methods requested by industry;
- clarify standards for grout placement in a flowing well;
- clarify conditions requiring use of alternate cement types;
- update technical standards;
- revise step drawdown and constant rate testing requirements to ensure accurate evaluation of well productivity; and
- revise requirement for disinfection of a dry hole prior to sealing.

In addition to these rules, a policy on constant rate pumping tests and a guidance document on non-potable well standards were drafted and coincide with the rule revisions.

Changes to rules in Chapter 3745-91 governing plan approval have been made. Revisions to these rules include adding plan approval exemptions for hauled water systems, and for small ground water systems installing ion exchange softeners and cartridge filters. The draft rules also incorporate the current Recommended Standards for Water Works, also known as the "10 State Standards" and revisions to DDAGW's Guidelines for Design of Small Ground Water Systems.

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 rule. Additionally, the Agency is working with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office. The Agency is offering you and your organization the opportunity to comment on the draft rules and CSI Business Impact Analysis (BIA) Form, before the division formally proposes them.

To obtain a copy of the draft rules, policy and guidance, contact Susan Baughman at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2752 or email at Susan.Baughman@epa.ohio.gov. Please request the "draft amendments to the water well standards and plan approval," and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There is no charge for the copies. The draft documents will be available on the Agency web page until they are formally proposed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule

Review (JCARR). The address is: <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx>.

Comments can be submitted in hard copy to the following address: "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Susan Baughman" or by email to ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, September 30, 2014.