

Wetland Guidance 1 Final	Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands	
	Statutory reference: ORC 6111.041 Rule references: OAC 3745-1-54(B)(2)	Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water Revision 0, February 1, 2001
This internal guidance does not affect the requirements found in the referenced rules or statute.		

PURPOSE

Rule 3745-1-54 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) identifies provisions used to determine whether to allow projects that could result in the degradation of the water quality of a wetland. For each wetland under consideration, the rule requires the assignment of a wetland category. Paragraph (B)(2)(ii) of the rule states that the director will consider the results of an appropriate wetland evaluation when making the category assignment. This guidance document identifies one such appropriate wetland evaluation methodology – Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands. This method or any other appropriate method acceptable to the director may be used in the determination of wetland categories. The following materials associated with this method are available from Ohio EPA.

- Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands, User’s Manual and Scoring Forms.
- ORAM Quantitative Score Calibration.

For the latest versions of these documents and for additional supporting documents, contact the person identified below or visit the Division of Surface Water web page at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/index.aspx>

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