



**Environmental  
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## **Early Stakeholder Outreach — Emissions Guidelines for Methane Emissions from Existing Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities**

*Ohio EPA prepares early stakeholder outreach fact sheets to ensure stakeholders are brought into the review process as early as possible and to obtain additional input and discussion before development of interested party draft rules.*

### **What will these rules cover?**

The rules will contain requirements for the control of methane emissions from crude oil and natural gas facilities that have commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction on or before December 6, 2022.

### **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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created. 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?**

Ohio EPA will be drafting rules to fulfill the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 111(d) for implementing regulations. These rules will be modeled after the federal regulations contained in 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOOOc.

### **Who will be regulated by these rules?**

The draft rules are applicable to crude oil and natural gas facilities that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction on or before December 6, 2022. Designated facilities regulated by this rule include:

- Wells
- Centrifugal and reciprocating compressors
- Process controllers
- Pumps
- Storage vessels
- Fugitive emissions components; and
- Process unit equipment

### **What is the rulemaking schedule?**

Ohio EPA's state plan must be submitted to U.S. EPA by March of 2026.

### **How can I provide input?**

The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the rules. When preparing your comments, be sure to:

- Explain your views as clearly as possible
- Describe any assumptions used
- Provide any technical information and/or data used to support your views
- Explain how you arrived at your estimate for potential burdens, benefits or costs
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your views and
- Offer alternatives

Written comments will be accepted through close of business **Friday, August 23, 2024.**

Please submit input to:

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## What input is the Agency seeking?

The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

- Is the general regulatory framework proposed the most appropriate? Should the Agency consider any alternative framework?
- What options are available for improving an identified concept?
- Are there considerations the Agency should take into account when developing a specific concept?
- Is there any information or data the Agency should be aware of when developing program concepts or rule language?

The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

Ohio EPA would especially like to hear information regarding the following from stakeholders who may be impacted by the new program.

- Would this regulatory program have a positive impact on your business? Please explain how.
- Would this regulatory program have an adverse impact on your business? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (for example, license fees, fines, employer time for compliance).

## Contact

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