



Early Stakeholder Outreach

State Emergency Response Commission Rules

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 does OAC Agency 3750 cover?

The rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Agency 3750 establish the framework of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and establishes emergency planning and release reporting requirements to facilities that store hazardous chemicals or extremely hazardous substances or have a spill or release of extremely hazardous substances, CERLA hazardous substances or oil as defined. These rules can be found on Ohio EPA's website for electronic downloading at: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/air-pollution-control/state-emergency-response-commission/serc-rules>.

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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created.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 performing a general review of the rules in this chapter to fulfill the requirements of ORC 106.03 and 106.031 (5-year review). Along with various minor changes for clarification and to fix typographical errors, and to reduce regulatory restrictions; Ohio EPA will also consider other changes, as warranted, based on comments received.

Who will be regulated by these rules?

These rules apply to the SERC, Local Emergency Planning Commissions (LEPCs) and facilities that store hazardous chemicals or extremely hazardous substances or have a spill or release of extremely hazardous substances, CERLA hazardous substances or oil as defined.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

Upon completion of the Early Stakeholder Outreach portion of this rulemaking, Ohio EPA will make any changes necessary to the rule language and make a draft of the rule language available to the public for a 30-day review.

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 May 21, 2025. Please submit input into SmartComment:

<https://ohioepa.commentinput.com?id=Zh763A9tx2>

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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 the existing rules?
- Are there considerations the Agency should consider when updating the existing rules?
- Is there any information or data the Agency should be aware of when developing rule language?

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