

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Consumer Confidence Reports**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6109.04 and 6109.121 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

<u>Rule#</u>	<u>Title</u>
3745-96-01	Consumer confidence report applicability and definitions.
3745-96-02	Consumer confidence report – required content.
3745-96-03	Required additional health information.
3745-96-04	Consumer confidence report delivery and recordkeeping.
3745-96-05	Summary of report contents.

This rule has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year rule requirements set forth in ORC 106.03 and 106.031. Proposed revisions include:

- 3745-96-01:
 - Adding the general requirement for systems serving more than 100,000 persons to provide a plan providing assistance to consumers with limited English proficiency.
 - Adding clarifying language to the definition of “customer”.
 - Updating rule references.
- 3745-96-02:
 - Incorporating LCRI requirement
 - Requiring the reports to include, a description of corrosion control efforts, information on lead service line inventories, clearly identified lead action level exceedances, required health information, and a summary statement.
 - Requiring translation assistance to consumers with limited English proficiency.
- 3745-96-03:
 - Updating the required language about arsenic, nitrate, and lead.
- 3745-96-04:
 - Adding the electronic delivery methods and good faith efforts, consistent with the 2013 USEPA Delivery Options Memo.
 - Requiring community water systems serving more than 50,000 to post the CCR on the internet.

- Requiring biannual delivery of the CCR for systems serving more than 10,000.
 - Requiring translation assistance to consumers with limited English proficiency.
- 3745-96-05:
 - Defining the summary statement required at the beginning of the reports.

The public comment period will run until October 30, 2026. A public hearing on this proposed rulemaking will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will be holding an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules on October 30, 2026, at 10:30 AM. The in-person hearing will be at the same time and date and will be located at Ohio EPA, Suite 700, 50 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules if participating virtually and verbally if participating in person.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: [LINK](#)

Registration for the in-person hearing is not required. Citizens intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, (614) 644-2160 or by emailing mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov. Prior registration will ensure that registrants are heard ahead of those individuals who register at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes, depending on the number of persons testifying. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and to present oral and/or written comments concerning the proposed rule making.

Written testimony should be submitted via Smart Comment at: [LINK](#) or sent to the attention of Rylee Lane at the Division of Drinking and Ground Water (DDAGW) P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. All testimony received at the hearing or by close of business on October 30, 2026, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking proposal. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Rylee Lane, at DDAGW at (614) 752-9725.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DDAGW receptionist at (614) 644-2752. In addition, full copies of all proposed rules are available for review at any Ohio EPA district office and at the Ohio EPA central office. The proposed rules are also accessible on

DDAGW web page at [DDAGW Proposed Rules | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#).

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