

BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

January 29, 2025

Public Notice: Operator Certification

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) is proposing to amend rules 3745-7-01, 3745-7-02, 3745-7-03, 3745-7-04, 3745-7-05, 3745-7-06, 3745-7-07, 3745-7-09, 3745-7-10, 3745-7-11, 3745-7-12, 3745-7-13, 3745-7-15, 3745-7-17, 3745-7-18, 3745-7-19, 3745-7-20, 3745-7-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The rule package is making administrative corrections from the recent filing effective November 7, 2024.

OAC Chapter 3745-7 sets forth the requirements for operators to become certified and maintain certification.

The following rules have amendments to the rule language that were inadvertently omitted during the previous filing and to correct the statutory authority or amplification:

Rule Number Rule Title

3745-7-02	Certified professional operators of record.
3745-7-03	Public water system classification and staffing requirements.
3745-7-04	Treatment works and sewerage system classification and staffing requirements.
3745-7-06	Certification of operators.
3745-7-09	Recordkeeping requirements and responsibilities of owners, certified professional operators and certified professional operators of record.

The following rules only have changes to the statutory authority or amplification due to inadvertent errors in the previous filing:

Rule Number Rule Title

3745-7-01	Professional operator certification definitions.
3745-7-05	Classification of professional operator certification.
3745-7-07	Professional operator in training.
3745-7-10	Professional operator certification advisory council.
3745-7-11	Duties of the council.
3745-7-12	Suspension or revocation of certification.
3745-7-13	Reciprocity.
3745-7-15	Expiration and renewal of professional operator certification.
3745-7-17	Professional operator certification fees.
3745-7-18	Conduct during the application and examination process.
3745-7-19	Examination providers.
3745-7-20	Certification of professional operators who pass an examination from an approved examination provider.
3745-7-21	Contract operations companies and contracted professional operators.

As part of the rulemaking process, the Agency is required by Section 121.39 of the ORC to consult with organizations that represent political subdivisions, environmental interests, business interests, and others affected by these rules. 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 rules and CSI Business Impact Analysis (BIA) Form.

Comments can be submitted via Smart Comment at this link:

<https://ohioepa.commentinput.com?id=FWCi93KUB>

Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, February 28, 2025.

Please view rules and information here: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/drinking-and-ground-waters/regulations/interested-party-review/ddagw-interested-party-review>