BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 6109.04 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code with 3745-81-31 and 3745-81-64 as no change:

Rule #	Title
3745-81-31	Reporting requirements for public water systems.
3745-81-64	General requirements of the "Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment (LT2) Rule".
3745-81-67	LT2 bin classification and treatment technique requirements.
3745-81-68	Microbial toolbox options for meeting Cryptosporidium treatment requirements.
3745-81-69	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements for LT2 only.

Proposed revisions include updating rule references, updating links, removing outdated due dates, and making small grammar corrections.

The public comment period will run until December 4, 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 December 4, 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 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 (date of hearing), 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 the Division of Drinking and Ground Water 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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