Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
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Early Stakeholder Outreach — Water Pollution Control Loan Fund

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 3745-150's) cover?

Chapter 3745-150 of the Administrative Code covers the procedures for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund.

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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created.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

This is the 5YR review for this chapter under Section 106.03 of the Revised Code. Ohio EPA has identified that minor changes may be necessary to clarify the rules and reduce regulatory restrictions.

Who will be regulated by these rules?

Any entity applying for a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund loan.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

At this time,the Agency is soliciting input on these draft rule revisions. At the close of the draft rule comment period, the Agency will review the comments and make necessary changes to the rules.

The Agency will then file proposed rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service Commission and the Secretary of State. At that point, another comment period, including one or more public hearings, will be scheduled. After the close of the comment period, the Agency will review the comments, make any necessary changes and then adopt the final rules. Ohio EPA expects to file the proposed rules in fall 2024.

How can I provide input?

The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the Water Pollution Control Loan 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 August 22, 2024. Please submit input to:
Mandi Payton at amanda.payton@epa.ohio.gov

What if I have questions?

Please contact Katie Courtright for technical questions regarding the rules at kathleen.courtright@epa.ohio.gov.

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 or should an alternative framework be considered?
- 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 program concepts or rule language?

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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 this 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

For more information, contact Mandi Payton at ***amanda.payton@epa.ohio.gov*** or 614-644-3134.