

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT
FOR
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

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Public Notice Date: September 24, 2026

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)–Division of Surface Water (DSW) has issued a draft general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. OHK000005 that may provide coverage to discharges from select household sewage treatment systems (HSTS) serving one, two or three family dwellings or other residential dwellings as defined by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29 in the state of Ohio. The draft general NPDES permit was issued September 24, 2026. The Ohio EPA-DSW has developed this draft general NPDES permit through consultation with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and a workgroup consisting of local health districts.

The issuance of this draft general NPDES permit addresses the renewal of the existing NPDES Permit No. OHK000004 which expires on December 31, 2026. Draft general NPDES Permit No. OHK000005 does not increase permit limitation, nor does it expand the universe of potential new or increased discharges contemplated under general NPDES OHK000004. Therefore, an additional review under the provisions of OAC 3745-1-05 is not necessary in issuing this renewal general NPDES permit.

Renewal under this General Permit will not require a notice of intent based on the provisions in OAC 3745-38-02(F). There are currently greater than 28,000 household sewage treatment systems covered under the general permit. These facilities are all similar in nature discharging treated sewage from domestic sources at quantities less than 1,000 gallons per day. Ohio EPA shares the authority to manage these discharges with the Ohio Department of Health and local health districts. The treatment systems are approved by the Ohio Department of Health to meet the conditions of this permit. Submitting a notice of intent would not provide any additional information to Ohio EPA that is necessary to renew coverage and there is no fee associated with the renewal. In lieu of a notice of intent the existing permits will be renewed upon permit issuance and the homeowners will be notified of the renewal. In the notification information will be included to instruct homeowners how to update any inaccurate information associated with the permit via a transfer form.

Copies of the draft general NPDES permit, its associated fact sheet and further documentation can be obtained on the Ohio EPA-DSW web page at <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/permitting/discharging-household-sewage-treatment-systems-general-permits> or by contacting Ohio EPA-DSW Central Office via email at DSW.HSTS@epa.ohio.gov

Ohio EPA will be holding an in-person and virtual information session and public hearing on the draft general permit on Thursday November 12, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. The in-person public hearing will be located at the Ohio EPA Lazarus Government Center, 6th Floor Autumn Conference Room, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide comments related to the draft general permit. To facilitate the scheduling of in-person oral testimony, persons intending to give testimony in-person at

the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center at mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-2160. Persons who want to participate virtually for the information session and hearing must register in advance at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/533ab771-fa13-43dc-a006-bec421044072@50f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

Persons wishing to be on the Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project or wishing to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration may do so in writing to Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water, Attention: Dylan Downing, Permitting Section, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216 or by email to EPA.DSWComments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments should be submitted related to this permit by end of November 19, 2026.