



Draft Rules – No Change Water Quality Standards Rules (OAC chapter 3745-1)

What does OAC Chapter 3745-1 cover and what do these rules do?

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-1 contains Ohio's standards for water quality. Water quality standards (WQS) are state regulations or rules that protect lakes, rivers, streams and other surface water bodies from pollution. The rules in Chapter 3745-1 contain the following: terms and definitions; methods used to quantify water quality and the biological community; beneficial use designations including aquatic life, water supply, and recreation; numeric levels and narrative statements (water quality criteria) protective of the beneficial use designations; and an antidegradation policy.

Which water quality standards rules are under review?

This rulemaking includes three existing rules, 3745-1 -29, -30, and -53, which are due for the five-year review required by state law.

What types of changes are being considered?

No changes are being considered at this time. This rulemaking is being undertaken in compliance with state law requiring Ohio EPA to review rules on a five year cycle. No new information that would inspire a change in these rules was available at the time the rules came due for review.

How will the draft rules affect the regulated community?

No changes are put forward, so there would be no change to the requirements on the regulated community.

How will the changes affect controls placed on water pollution?

No changes are put forward, so there would be no change to controls placed on water pollution.

What additional information is the Agency seeking?

None at this time.

How are the amendments formatted in the draft rules?

Text that is considered for deletion is identified in strikeout font; new text is underlined. However, no amendments are indicated at this time.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

No public hearing or comment period will be held for this rule filing as no amendments are put forward at this time.

How can I get more information?

Information is available on the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water website:

- Copies of this fact sheet, response to comments, and the draft rules at: epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules.
- Information on water quality standards at: epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/reports-data/water-quality-standards-program.
- All existing DSW rules at: epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/effective-rules.

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