



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3745-50-531 Specific public notice procedures applicable to hazardous waste management permits.

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(A) Pre-application public meeting and notice.

(1) Applicability. Paragraph (A) of this rule:

(a) Applies to all applicants seeking initial permits for hazardous waste management units.

(b) Applies to "Part B" applications seeking renewal of permits for such units, where the renewal application is proposing a significant change in facility operations. For the purposes of paragraph (A) of this rule, a "significant change" is any change that would qualify as a "Class 3" permit modification under rule 3745-50-51 of the Administrative Code.

(c) [Reserved.]

(d) Applies to hazardous waste management facilities for which facility owners or operators are seeking coverage under a standardized permit [see rules 3745-50-250 to 3745-50-320 of the Administrative Code], including renewal of a standardized permit for such units, where the renewal is proposing a "significant change" in facility operations, as defined in paragraph (A)(3) of rule 3745-50-711 of the Administrative Code.

(e) Does not apply to applicants seeking renewal of permits for such units, to permit modifications under rule 3745-50-51 of the Administrative Code, or to applications that are submitted for the sole purpose of conducting post-closure activities or post-closure activities and corrective action at a facility.

(2) Prior to the submittal of a "Part B" permit application for a facility, or to the submission of a written "Notice of Intent" to be covered by a standardized permit [see rules 3745-50-250 to 3745-50-320 of the Administrative Code], the applicant shall hold at least one public meeting in order to solicit questions from the community and inform the community of proposed hazardous waste



management activities. The applicant shall post a sign-in sheet or otherwise provide a voluntary opportunity for attendees to provide contact names and addresses.

(3) The applicant shall submit a summary of the meeting, along with the list of attendees' names and addresses developed under paragraph (A)(2) of this rule, and copies of any written comments or materials submitted at the meeting, to Ohio EPA as a part of the "Part B" application, in accordance with paragraph (A) of rule 3745-50-44 of the Administrative Code, or with the written "Notice of Intent" to be covered by a standardized permit [see rules 3745-50-250 to 3745-50-320 of the Administrative Code].

(4) The applicant shall provide public notice of the pre-application public meeting at least thirty days prior to the public meeting. The applicant shall maintain, and provide to Ohio EPA upon request, documentation of the notice.

(a) The applicant shall provide public notice in all of the following forms:

(i) A newspaper advertisement. The applicant shall publish a notice, fulfilling the requirements in paragraph (A)(4)(b) of this rule, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or equivalent jurisdiction that hosts the proposed location of the facility. In addition, the director will instruct the applicant to publish the notice in newspapers of general circulation in adjacent counties or equivalent jurisdictions, where the director determines that such publication is necessary to inform the affected public. The notice shall be published as a display advertisement.

(ii) A visible and accessible sign. The applicant shall post a notice on a clearly marked sign at or near the facility, fulfilling the requirements in paragraph (A)(4)(b) of this rule. If the applicant places the sign on the facility property, then the sign shall be large enough to be readable from the nearest point where the public would pass by the site.

(iii) A broadcast media announcement. The applicant shall broadcast a notice, fulfilling the requirements in paragraph (A)(4)(b) of this rule, at least once on at least one local radio station or television station. The applicant may employ another medium with prior approval of the director.

(iv) A notice to Ohio EPA. The applicant shall send a copy of the newspaper notice to Ohio EPA



and to the appropriate units of state and local government, in accordance with 40 CFR 124.10(c)(1)(x).

(b) The notices required under paragraph (A)(4)(a) of this rule shall include:

(i) The date, time, and location of the meeting;

(ii) A brief description of the purpose of the meeting;

(iii) A brief description of the facility and proposed operations, including the address or a map (e.g., a sketched or copied street map) of the facility location;

(iv) A statement encouraging people to contact the facility at least seventy-two hours before the meeting if people need special access to participate in the meeting; and

(v) The name, address, and telephone number of a contact person for the applicant.

(B) Public notice requirements at the application stage.

(1) Applicability. Paragraph (B) of this rule:

(a) Applies to all applicants seeking initial permits for hazardous waste management units.

(b) Applies to applicants seeking renewal of permits for such units under rule 3745-50-56 of the Administrative Code.

(c) [Reserved.]

(d) Does not apply to hazardous waste units for which facility owners or operators are seeking coverage under a standardized permit [see rules 3745-50-250 to 3745-50-320 of the Administrative Code].

(e) Does not apply to permit modifications under rule 3745-50-51 of the Administrative Code, or to



permit applications submitted for the sole purpose of conducting post-closure activities or post-closure activities and corrective action at a facility.

(2) Notification at application submittal.

(a) The director will provide public notice as provided in 40 CFR 124.10(c)(1)(ix), and notice to appropriate units of state and local government as provided in 40 CFR 124.10(c)(1)(x), that a "Part B" permit application has been submitted to Ohio EPA and is available for review.

(b) The notice shall be published within a reasonable period of time after the application is received by the director. The notice shall include:

(i) The name and telephone number of the applicant's contact person;

(ii) The name and telephone number of Ohio EPA's contact office, and a mailing address to which information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed throughout the permit review process;

(iii) An address to which people can write in order to be put on the facility mailing list;

(iv) The location where copies of the permit application and any supporting documents can be viewed and copied;

(v) A brief description of the facility and proposed operations, including the address or a map (e.g., a sketched or copied street map) of the facility location on the front page of the notice; and

(vi) The date that the application was submitted.

(3) Concurrent with the notice required under paragraph (B)(2) of this rule, the director shall place the permit application and any supporting documents in a location accessible to the public in the vicinity of the facility or at Ohio EPA's office.

(C) Information repository.



(1) Applicability. The requirements of paragraph (C) of this rule apply to all applications seeking permits for hazardous waste management units.

(2) The director may assess the need, on a case-by-case basis, for an information repository.

(a) When assessing the need for an information repository, the director will consider a variety of factors, including:

(i) The level of public interest;

(ii) The type of facility;

(iii) The presence of an existing repository; and

(iv) The proximity to the nearest copy of the administrative record.

(b) If the director determines, at any time after submittal of a permit application, that there is a need for a repository, then the director will notify the facility that the facility shall establish and maintain an information repository. [See paragraph (M) of rule 3745-50-58 of the Administrative Code for similar provisions relating to the information repository during the life of a permit.]

(3) The information repository shall contain all documents, reports, data, and information deemed necessary by the director to fulfill the purposes for which the repository is established. The director will have the discretion to limit the contents of the repository.

(4) The information repository shall be located and maintained at a site chosen by the facility. If the director finds the site unsuitable for the purposes and persons for which the site was established, due to problems with the location, hours of availability, access, or other relevant considerations, then the director will specify a more appropriate site.

(5) The director will specify requirements for informing the public about the information repository. At a minimum, the director will require the facility to provide a written notice about the information repository to all individuals on the facility mailing list.



(6) The facility owner or operator is responsible for maintaining and updating the repository with appropriate information throughout a time period specified by the director. The director may close the repository at the director's discretion, based on the factors in paragraph (C)(2) of this rule.

[Comment: For dates of non-regulatory government publications, publications of recognized organizations and associations, federal rules, and federal statutory provisions referenced in this rule, see rule 3745-50-11 of the Administrative Code titled "Incorporated by reference."]