
Interested Party Review – Revised Total Coliform

What does OAC Chapter 3745-81 cover?

DDAGW has reviewed 3745-81-50 through 3745-81-55 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) to satisfy the five-year rule review requirements of section 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code. These rules set forth the requirements for monitoring total coliform.

What step is this in the rulemaking process?

This step in Ohio EPA's rulemaking process, required by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 121.39, is called Interested Party Review. During this step, the agency makes available draft rules for interested parties for review and comment. This step occurs after the Early Stakeholder Outreach comment period.

What types of changes are being considered?

Proposed amendments include:

- 3745-81-50
 - Adding federal language to better explain invalidating repeat or routine total coliform samples.
 - Updating references and links.
- 3745-81-51
 - Correcting “depresurized” to “depressurized”.
 - Removing monitoring postponement in (B)(7) and (B)(8) to match the federal rule.
 - Adding minor language amendments to match the federal rule.
- 3745-81-52
 - Correcting “paragraph” to “paragraph”.

Rules 3745-81-53, 3745-81-54 and 3745-81-55 are being proposed as “no change”.

What additional information is the agency seeking?

The agency is seeking comments from interested stakeholders (public, local officials, permit holders, industry sectors, other state agencies, consultants, and environmental organizations) who may be impacted by these draft rule amendments. General comments and specific factual information are welcome. In addition to the draft rule amendments, Ohio EPA is also seeking comments and feedback on the draft Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Business Impact Analysis form, which is being released with these draft rules during interested party review.

Who will be regulated by these rules?

This rule applies to all Ohio public water systems.

How are the amendments formatted in the draft rules?

Text that is considered for deletion is identified in strikethrough font; new text is underlined.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

The agency is currently soliciting input on these draft rule revisions. Ohio EPA is required by section 121.39(D) of the Revised Code to contact potentially affected parties prior to adopting rule changes. 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. Ohio EPA expects to file the proposed rules in the coming months. At that point, another

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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.

How can I comment on the draft rules?

There are two options for submitting your comments:

- Electronically through [SmartComment](#)
- Via postal mail to Rule Coordinator, Ohio EPA – Division of Drinking and Ground Water, PO Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on September 11, 2026.

How can I get more information?

Information is available on the Ohio EPA website:

- [Interested Party Rule Page](#)
- [Effective Rules Page](#)

Contact

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