

Ohio EPA Public Notice

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Crescent News	01/16/2025	document available
Delaware Gazette	01/16/2025	document available
Sandusky Register	01/15/2025	document available
Lancaster Eagle Gazette	01/17/2025	document available
Record Herald	01/15/2025	document available
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Logan Daily News	01/16/2025	document available
Norwalk-Reflector	01/15/2025	document available
Jackson County Times Journal	01/17/2025	document available
Herald Star	01/17/2025	document available
Mount Vernon News		N/A
Ironton Tribune	01/18/2025	document available
Newark Advocate	01/16/2025	document available
Bellefontaine Examiner		N/A
Madison Messenger	01/19/2025	document available
Marion Star	01/17/2025	document available
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Journal Leader		N/A
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Perry County Tribune	01/22/2025	document available
Circleville Herald	01/16/2025	document available
Pike County News Watchman	01/19/2025	document available
Advertiser Tribune	01/17/2025	document available
Bryan Times	01/21/2025	document available
Chillicothe Gazette	01/17/2025	document available
Mansfield News Journal	01/17/2025	document available
Marietta Times	01/21/2025	document available
Marysville Journal Tribune	01/16/2025	document available
Portsmouth Daily Times	01/15/2025	document available
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Times Bulletin	01/22/2025	document available
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Daily Record	01/16/2025	document available
Ashland Times Gazette	01/16/2025	document available

Entity Address

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Notice Info

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection is proposing to update the State Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan), as required by Sections 303 and 208 of the Clean Water Act. This plan describes and promotes efficient and comprehensive programs for controlling water pollution from point and nonpoint sources in a defined geographic area. The State of Ohio prepares and maintains the 208 Plan applicable in the 64 counties where Areawide Councils of Governments, appointed by the Governor, do not act as the lead planning agencies. This update streamlines and reorganizes the main text content, updates appendices content, and details a new Ohio EPA update process for minor changes to existing FPAs. The changes also establish wastewater facility planning areas (FPAs) for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), commonly known as wastewater treatment plants, in Delaware County. An FPA is a geographical planning area of sufficient scope to allow for an analysis of various alternatives for the treatment and disposal of wastewater. FPAs are used to determine wastewater treatment needs and cost-effective methods of providing sewer services. New FPAs will be reflected in the Delaware County portion of Appendix 9-1 Management Agencies and Prescriptions for Sewage Collection and Treatment in 42 Ohio Counties and the maps will be added to Appendix 9-2 - Maps of Facility Planning Areas and other features associated with Prescriptions for Sewage Collection and Treatment. The proposed Delaware County changes are also incorporated into the updated 208 Plan format which moves Appendix 9-1 to Appendix 3-1 and Appendix 9-2 to Appendix 3-2. The public comment period will run until 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2025. Ohio EPA will hold a public hearing on the proposed 208 Plan update to consider public comments. The hybrid public hearing is at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Citizens who want to participate must register in advance for the meeting. Online registration is available at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4722716246663133536> The in-person public hearing will be held at: Ohio EPA Central Office 50 W. Town Street, Suite 700 Autumn Conference Room Columbus, Ohio 43215 All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please arrive early to complete these procedures. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes, depending on the number of persons testifying. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and to present oral and/or written comments concerning the State Water Quality Management Plan update. Written comments should be sent via email to epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same considerations as oral testimony. Ohio EPA will consider all testimony received at the hearing or by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2025, prior to final action on the 208 Plan update. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit. For questions regarding this

public notice, please contact Eric Akin, Division of Surface Water (DSW), at (614) 644-2013 or via e-mail at eric.akin@epa.ohio.gov. The proposed 208 Plan updates are available for review at the Ohio EPA central office or on the DSW Web site at: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/reports-data/water-quality-management-plans-cwa-sections-208-and-303->

Public Comment Info

The public comment period will run until 02/28/2025 at 05:00 PM.

Written comments should be sent via email to epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same considerations as oral testimony. Ohio EPA will consider all testimony received at the hearing or by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2025, prior to final action on the 208 Plan update. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Public Hearing Info

The hearing will be held at 02:30 PM on 02/11/2025.

Ohio EPA will hold a public hearing on the proposed update to the State Water Quality Management Plan and Section 208 Plan. The Proposed 208 Plan update is available for review on the DSW Web site at:

<https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/announcements> A hybrid public hearing will be held virtually via the GoToWebinar platform at 2:30 p.m. on February 11, 2025. Registration for the hearing is required to attend. To register, attendees should go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4722716246663133536> An in-person public hearing will also be held at 2:30 p.m. on February 11, 2025, in the Autumn Conference Room at the Ohio EPA Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215. The hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide comments. Written comments should be sent via email to: epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments will be received until 5 p.m. on February 28, 2025.
