

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Update to Ohio's Water Quality Management (208) Plan**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection is proposing to update water quality management plans, as required by Sections 303 and 208 of the Clean Water Act. These plans describe and promote efficient and comprehensive programs for controlling water pollution from point and nonpoint sources in a defined geographic area. This update includes updated 208 Plans from the following Areawide Councils of Governments:

- **Eastgate Regional Council of Governments;**
- **Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments;**
- **Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; and**
- **Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization.**

Areawide Councils of Governments act as the lead planning agencies in 24 Ohio counties (those with large urban populations). The Areawide Agencies prepare and approve the 208 Plan in their counties. Pursuant to applicable regulations, the State of Ohio has authority to certify that the documents include the required plan elements, are consistent with one another, and are consistent with basin plans. Although the State of Ohio prepares and maintains the 208 Plan applicable in the remaining 64 counties, no updates to these counties are being considered at this time. The Governor then certifies the entire 208 Plan via submission to U.S. EPA for their approval.

The public comment period will run until **5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2010**. A public hearing on the proposed 208 Plan update will be held to consider public comments. This hearing will be held at **1:00 p.m. on February 10, 2010** at the following location:

Ohio EPA Central Office
50 W. Town Street, Suite 700
Conference Room A
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.

To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, (614) 644-2160. Prior registration will ensure that registrants are heard ahead of those individuals who register at the hearing. 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 208 Plan update.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Elizabeth Bailik at the Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. All testimony received at the hearing or by **5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2010** will be considered by Ohio EPA 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 Elizabeth Bailik, at the Division of Surface Water (DSW), at (614) 644-2039 or via e-mail at elizabeth.bailik@epa.state.oh.us. The proposed 208 Plan update is available for review at the Ohio EPA central office or on the DSW Web site at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/mgmtplans/208index.aspx>.