

State of Ohio Rules E-Notification System

In February 2008, Governor Strickland signed Executive Order 2008-04S, *Implement Common Sense Business Regulation (CSBR)*.

The CSBR requires that rules be drafted to **promote transparency, predictability and consistency** of business regulation. As part of the administration's commitment to ensuring transparency in the rule-making process, the executive order required development of a centralized electronic system.

To meet the requirements of the executive order, the State of Ohio created the Rules E-Notification System, a centralized listserv that allows interested parties to register and receive notices and communications regarding proposed development, amendment or rescission of any rule of interest.

When reviewing or drafting a rule, state agencies complete a form that lists the rule number and a description of the rule change or action. Individuals who are registered with the Rules E-Notification System receive an e-mail notification of the drafted rule or rule change.

In addition to the e-mail notification, individuals can make comments or recommendations through online feedback.

How do I sign up?

To sign up for the Rules E-Notification System, go to the Ohio Business Gateway's (OBG) regulatory reform Web site www.business.ohio.gov/reform/. The site also includes information about:

- common sense business reviews;
- eComment feedback;
- regulatory contact information for each participating state agency; and
- rule category descriptions.

Are there limits to the information provided?

The Rules E-Notification System announces interested party rules in concert with Ohio EPA's interested party process. The system is not used to provide notice once a rule is filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

The system is not used to send out guidance, policy or status updates. These types of notices will only be sent to people who are registered on Ohio EPA listservs.

What if I already belong to an Ohio EPA listserv?

If you already belong to one of Ohio EPA's listservs, you will continue to receive information and do not need to register on the Rules E-Notification System. If you decide to register on the Rules E-Notification System, you may receive duplicative e-mails for rule interested party notices.

Where can I sign up for Ohio EPA listservs?

To sign up for Ohio EPA's listservs, go to www.epa.ohio.gov/Rules_and_Laws.aspx. For more information about Ohio EPA's rule-making process, go to www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/33/rules/guide.pdf.

Who to contact

If you have a question regarding the rule-making process, please contact the Agency Rules Coordinator at (614) 644-2782.

For questions about a particular rule or technical requirement, please contact the appropriate division listed below:

Division of Air Pollution Control
(614) 644-2270 | www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/

Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
(614) 644-2752 | www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/

Division of Emergency and Remedial Response
(614) 644-2924 | www.epa.ohio.gov/derr/

Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
(614) 644-2798 | www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/

Division of Hazardous Waste Management
(614) 644-2917 | www.epa.ohio.gov/dhwm/

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management
(614) 644-2621 | www.epa.ohio.gov/dsiwm/

Division of Surface Water
(614) 644-2001 | www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/