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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE LIST OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

The proposed amendments update the List of Controlled Substances to include four drugs.

1. Mitragynine: The Department was notified by Dr. Thomas Atkinson, M.D., Springdale Treatment Center, Springdale, AR, that some of the patients at his Addiction Treatment Center indicated they used this drug which is derived from a plant known as *Kratom*. Dr. Atkinson indicated that the drug exhibited an opiate agonist action and that the patients had purchased *Kratom* at local businesses. This drug would be included as Schedule 1 (page 2, c, 24) since it has no recognized medical use by the FDA.
2. 7-hydroxymitragynine: The other active drug derived from *Kratom*. This drug would also be included as Schedule 1 (page 2, c, 25).
3. Alpha-pyrrolidinopentiophenone (alpha-PVP): Rick Hogan, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Health, received information regarding this synthetic stimulant known to cause violent behavior that the DEA has temporarily banned. This drug would be included as Schedule 1 (page 5, b, 8).
4. Suvorexant: The FDA approved this drug for the treatment of insomnia. To follow the DEA, this drug would be included as a Schedule IV controlled substance (page 14, c, 56).