

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing June 28, 2007, at Little Rock to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 12, which governs the Arkansas Regulated Storage Tank (RST) program. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) Building G Commission Room, located within the Arkansas State Police Headquarters Building, No. 1 State Police Plaza.

Authority for the proposed Commission action is found in the Arkansas Code, Annotated, Sec. 8-7-801 et seq., and Sec. 8-7-901 et seq.

The proposed revisions are designed to make Regulation No. 12 comply with recent state and federal legislation affecting the state's RST program, specifically Act 264 of the 2007 Arkansas General Assembly and the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Areas of proposed revision to Regulation No. 12 include:

- Definition and implementation of secondary containment requirements of state and federal law.
- Definition and implementation of delivery prohibition requirements of state and federal law.
- Clarification of appeal procedures for reimbursement cost denials involving the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund.
- Clarification of costs eligible for reimbursement from the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation No. 12 are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division in the agency's Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR, or at ADEQ information depositories located in public libraries at Arkadelphia, Batesville, Blytheville, Camden, Clinton, Crossett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Magnolia, Mena, Monticello, Mountain Home, Russellville, Pocahontas, Searcy, Stuttgart, Texarkana, and West Memphis; in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas at Conway; and in the Arkansas State Library located on the State Capitol grounds in Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the regulation showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site located at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interests of accuracy. In addition, written or electronic mail comments will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. July 13, 2007. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. Electronic mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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