

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATION CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock December 4, 2007, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 5, which deals with liquid animal waste disposal in Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock.

Commission authority to amend Regulation No. 5 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-4-101 et seq.

Proposed changes to the regulation include:

- Revising the permit application process to conform with provisions in Commission Regulation 8 (Administrative Procedures).
- Clarifying language to establish which types of permit modifications will be considered minor modifications and not subject to public notice requirements.
- Establishing testing and review procedures for appropriate updates to permitted facilities' waste management plans.
- Clarifying certain record-keeping requirements to allow more flexibility for the permit holder while still providing adequate information for the ADEQ to monitor permitted operations.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation No. 5 are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division on the second floor of the ADEQ headquarters, 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 proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition, written or electronic mail comments will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. December 18, 2007. Written comments should be sent to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic mail comments should be sent to reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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