NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock August 21 to receive public comments on proposed revisions to Commission Regulation 11 (Solid Waste Disposal Fees; Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund; and Recycling Grants Program). The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock. The hearing will begin shortly after the conclusion of another, unrelated, Commission regulation hearing which starts at 2:00 p.m.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed Regulation 11 changes is September 5, 2008.

The Commission's authority for amending Regulation No. 11 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated (Ark. Code Ann.) section 8-6-207(b)(1)(A), Ark. Code Ann. Section 8-6-1002 and Section 47 of Act 1281 of the 2007 Arkansas General Assembly.

The only change proposed for Regulation 11 involves updating Sec. 11.303 to require the Commission to authorize and prioritize expenditures from the state Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund for corrective action which exceed \$50,000 per site, and to provide that only facilities that were permitted and operated according to state law will be eligible for such funding.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ office in the Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division, 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, Pocahontas, Russellville, 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; or in the Arkansas State Library located on the State Capitol grounds at 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 and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. September 5, 2008. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. E-mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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