NOTICE OF REGULATION HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock October 8, 2009, to receive public comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation 33, which regulates the permitting program for motor vehicle racing facilities in Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed revisions to Regulation 33 is October 22, 2009.

Commission authority for revising Regulation 33 is found in the Arkansas Code, Annotated, Sec. 8-10-302, et seq., and in Arkansas Act 1287 of 2009.

The only substantial proposed revisions to Regulation 33 include changes to Sections 33.301(D) and 33.301(E), and involve siting criteria for motor vehicle racing facilities in certain areas of the state. The proposed revisions are designed to incorporate statutory changes made by Act 1287 of 2009. In addition, the proposed revisions update formatting and correct typographical errors and inconsistencies in the current regulation.

A copy of the proposed revisions to Regulation 33 is 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 interest of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. October 22, 2009. 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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