NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE, PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock March 8, 2012, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 23 (Hazardous Waste Code). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The deadline for submitting written comments on the regulation is 4:30 p.m. March 22, 2012.

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a decision may be made to postpone the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.

APC&EC authority for revising Regulation 23 is found in the Arkansas Code, Annotated, Section 8-7-201, et seq.

Proposed revisions to Regulation 23 include incorporation of changes to federal hazardous waste regulations which were published in the Federal Register between June 10, 2010, and December 31, 2011. Proposed federal-related changes include:

- Withdrawal of the Emission Comparable Fuel Exclusion
- Removal of saccharin and its salts from the Lists of Hazardous Constituents, Hazardous Wastes, and Hazardous Substances
- Technical corrections to the Standards Applicable to Generator of Hazardous Waste; Alternative Requirements for Hazardous Waste Determination and Accumulation of Unwanted Material at Laboratories Owned by Colleges and Universities and Other Eligible Academic Entities Formally Affiliated with Colleges and Universities
- Revision of the treatment standards for carbamate wastes
- Amendment to the printing specifications for hazardous waste manifests
- Miscellaneous technical corrections to various sections of the code to provide clarification, correct text errors, update sections with new information, and make other relatively minor changes.

A complete listing of the proposed changes to Regulation 23 can be found on the Drafts of Proposed Regulations page of the ADEQ's Internet web site at www.state.ar.us.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 23 are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ's Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division on the second floor of the ADEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, 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, 900 West Capitol, Suite 100, Little Rock.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearings, 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. March 22, 2012. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Doug Szenher, public information coordinator, 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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