

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES, PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock October 16, 2012, to receive public comments on proposed changes to APC&EC Regulation 6 (Regulations for State Administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES]). The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposals is 4:30 p.m. October 30, 2012

The hearing will be held in the Commission Room of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a decision may be made to postpone the hearings. If the hearings are 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 to revise Regulations 6 is found in the Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-4-101, et seq.

Proposed significant changes to Regulation 6 include:

- Addition of a new section which will provide for a permit-by-rule for entities which discharge pesticides into the waters of the state.
- Addition of several terms to the definitions section of the regulation to clarify provisions of the proposed new permit-by-rule for pesticide dischargers.
- Deletion of a section which currently requires entities discharging wastewater directly to publicly-owned treatment works to first obtain an NPDES construction permit.

In addition, proposed revisions include format and style changes throughout the regulation to conform to other APC&EC regulations.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulations 6 are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division in the ADEQ's headquarters building in North Little Rock, and in 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; and in the Arkansas State Library, 900 W. Capitol, Suite 100, Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the draft regulation showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading on the draft regulations page of the ADEQ's Internet web site at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written statements 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 accepted if received no later than 4:30 p.m. October 30, 2012. Written comments should be mailed 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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