

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THREE AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold three public hearings January 12, 2015, to receive public comments on proposed changes to three APC&EC air pollution control regulations. The hearings 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 proposed changes is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time), January 27, 2015. 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.

Separate hearings will be held for proposed changes to APC&EC Regulations 18 (Air Pollution Control Code), 19 (State Implementation Plan [SIP] for Air Pollution Control), and 26 (Arkansas Operating Air permit program). The Regulation 18 hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m., and will be followed, in order, by the hearings on Regulations 19 and 26.

APC&EC authority to revise Regulations 18, 19, and 26 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-4-301, *et seq.*

The substantive proposed changes to the Regulations 18, 19, and 26 are necessary in order to adopt the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2012 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter up to 2.5 micrograms in size (PM_{2.5}), 2006 NAAQS for particulate matter up to 10 micrograms in size (PM₁₀), 2008 NAAQS for ozone, 2008 NAAQS for lead, 2010 NAAQS for nitrogen dioxide, and 2010 NAAQS for sulfur dioxide.

During the public comment period, ADEQ will take comments on when an analysis would be required to evaluate impacts on the NAAQS during the permitting process. Additionally, ADEQ will take comment on requirements for such an analysis, when required.

In general, the proposed changes will help ensure Arkansas has the authority to implement air pollution control programs and to issue permits. Amendments to Regulation 19 will be submitted to the EPA for inclusion into Arkansas's SIP and amendments to Regulation 26 will be submitted to the EPA for inclusion into Arkansas's Title V and Part 70 State Program.

Copies of the three proposed regulation changes 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, Crosssett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock (main branch), 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, copies of the draft regulations showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents, are available for viewing or downloading on the draft regulations page of the ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written statements 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 accepted if received no later than 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) January 27, 2015. Written comments should be mailed to Doug

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