

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing in North Little Rock on July 31, 2017, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 16 (Regulation of the State of Arkansas for Waste Reduction, Reuse, or Recycling Tax Credits). 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. (Central Time) August 14, 2017.

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 16 is found in the Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-1-203(b)(1)(A).

The proposed changes to Regulation 16 include revisions to definitions in Reg.16.103, including adding a definition for “qualified manufacturer of steel” and revising the definition of “waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment;” revisions to Reg.16.109 to allow a qualified steel manufacturer to carry forward unused tax credit amounts to subsequent years for a period of fourteen (14) years; revisions to language throughout the regulation concerning the applicability of the waste reduction, reuse, or recycling income tax credit to qualified manufacturers of steel to conform with changes to state law made by the Arkansas General Assembly, including Acts 692 and 862 of 2015; and minor revisions to include correcting typographical, grammatical, formatting, and stylistic errors. A complete listing of the proposed changes to Regulation 16 can be found on the Draft Regulations page on ADEQ’s website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 16 are available for public inspection during regular business hours at 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.

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. (Central Time) August 14, 2017. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Kelly Robinson, 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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