

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 June 25, 2018, to receive comments on proposed amendments to APC&EC Regulation 8 (Administrative Procedures). 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 proposed regulation is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) August 31, 2018.

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 proposed amendments to Regulation 8 is Ark. Code Ann. § 8-1-203(b).

The proposed amendments adopt changes to state law; make the regulation consistent with the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure; modernize the regulation as it relates to notice and service by electronic mail pursuant to Act 195 of 2011 and Act 1057 of 2017; modernize the regulation concerning public communication of information on ADEQ's website; make other changes consistent with the administrative due process; and make minor revisions to include correcting typographical, grammatical, formatting, and stylistic errors throughout the emergency regulation. The complete filing with the APC&EC related to the proposed changes to Regulation 8 can be found on the Draft Regulations page on ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx under APC&E Commission Docket #18-003-R.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 8 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 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. (Central Time) August 31, 2018. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Raeanne Gardner, 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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