

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors is considering proposed amendments to its Rules. A public hearing on the proposed amendments on July 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Board offices at 623 Woodlane Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 and written or verbal comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at or prior to the hearing. If submitted prior to the hearing, comments may be emailed to the Executive Director Steve Haralson at pelsboard@arkansas.gov, or they can be mailed to 623 Woodlane Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The proposed Rule Amendments are related to certain administrative changes necessary because NCEES (the organization that develops and administers engineer and surveyor competency exams) is changing the format for the Fundamentals of Engineering and Fundamentals of Surveying examinations from pen and paper to computer-based beginning in 2014. As a result of that change, the admittance procedures for examinees are being modified so that it will no longer be necessary for applicants/examinees to submit an application to and be admitted by the Board prior to taking either of these exams, but rather register directly with NCEES – those passing may then apply to the Board for licensure. These changes requires relatively minor amendments to Articles 8, 9 & 11 of the Board's rules. A markup with proposed revisions is located under the Hot Topics section on our homepage at www.pels.arkansas.gov. Hard copies may be obtained at the Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, 623 Woodlane Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.