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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGULATION CHANGES AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing on March 6, 2020, to receive public comments on proposed changes to APC&EC Regulation No. 19, Regulations of the Arkansas Plan of Implementation for Air Pollution. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 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., March 20, 2020. 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 to revise Regulations 19 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-4-301, *et seq.*

The purpose of amending Regulation No. 19 is to include changes in certain titles—"Regulation" to "Rule" and "Department" to "Division"—in order to bring Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation No. 19 in line with Act 315 of 2019 and the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019. Because all instances of “regulation” were changed to “rule” when referring to rules promulgated by Arkansas entities, definitions for Rule 8, Rule 18, and Rule 26 were added. These definitions ensure continuity of references to these rules, which have not yet been revised to change the term “regulation” to “rule.” There are no substantive changes included in this proposed amendment.

Copies of proposed regulation changes are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the DEQ’s headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, and in DEQ 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, 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 DEQ’s Internet website 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., March 20, 2020. Written comments should be mailed to Jake Harper, Communications, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, 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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