

## NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT DECISION

### BY THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

In accordance with provisions of Arkansas Statutes, 8-4-203, public notice is hereby given that as of June 1, 2015, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Division of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) announces its revised draft decision to issue a new open-cut mining permit as requested by Spring Creek Materials, Inc., P.O. Box 30, West Plains, Missouri 65775 for the "Cooper Mine" mining facility located near the city of Oxford in Izard County, Arkansas.

ADEQ has revised the previous draft permit conditions for the above named applicant for the issuance of an open-cut mining permit for the removal of sand and gravel from a location in Section 18 Township 18 North Range 8 West near the city of Oxford in Izard County.

Written comments concerning ADEQ's draft decision should be sent to: James F. Stephens, Chief, Surface Mining and Reclamation Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317 or by email to [stephens@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:stephens@adeq.state.ar.us). Additional information regarding the draft decision, including copies of the permit application and documents concerning the review process by the ADEQ staff, can be made available for inspection and copying by contacting the ADEQ's Surface Mining and Reclamation Division at the above address or by telephone at (501) 682-0807. There will be a charge to cover photocopying costs.

A public hearing will be held on July 7, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time at

the Melbourne Community Room, 63 Municipal Drive, Melbourne, AR 72556 in Izard County. A hearing officer will accept public comments during the hearing. Verbal comments will be accepted, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. 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.

Written comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing on July 7, 2015.

A final, written decision on this permit application will be issued by ADEQ after the public hearing. The final decision will include a response to each issue raised during the public comment period and at the public hearing for this proposal, and will include an explanation of the rationale for any technical requirements or standards involved in making the final decision. Any person with legal standing in this matter may appeal the ADEQ's final decision to the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission. Appeals must be in writing, must be filed within 30 days of the ADEQ's final decision, and must conform to all the requirements set forth in Regulation No. 8.

[Date of Publication]

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015

By authority of the Director,

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality