ARKANSAS D. .RTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL & ECOLOGY

MINUTE ORDER NO. 87-11

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The Arkansas Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology hereby directs the Department staff to hold a public hearing within 45 days of this date to receive comments on the following proposed resolution regarding the burning of cotton gin waste:

RESOLVED, from and after the date hereof, it is the policy of the Arkansas Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology that:

1. No cotton ginning facility located in a populated area shall be allowed to burn its waste in violation of the Arkansas Air Pollution Control Code or the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. A populated area is defined as one in which there is an occupied dwelling, industry, business, or major thoroughfare within one-fourth mile of the ginning facility.

2. Variances from the requirements of the Air Code will be granted upon proper request, to those ginning facilities not located in a populated area. To receive a variance, the cotton ginning facility must submit a written request stating the name of the gin, identifying the owners and operators, and specifying the distance between the facility and the nearest occupied dwelling, business or major thoroughfare. The variances that are granted upon request shall be conditioned upon the operation not causing nuisance conditions or violating the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

The Department shall send notice of the above proposal to all known cotton ginners and the Southern Cotton Ginners Association. The notice shall include the date, time and location of the public hearing to be held to receive comments and shall also include specific alternatives which the cotton ginners may utilize for disposing of their waste. The notice shall also be published in newspapers of general circulation around the State of Arkansas.

COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN

SUBMITTED BY: Blaney

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