

**ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL  
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION**

**LOCATION - SUBJECT**  
**Crooked Creek - Gravel Mining  
Permits**

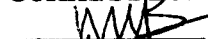





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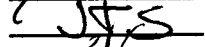




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A special committee of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission ("Commission") is currently examining issues pertaining to water quality and open-cut and stream-bed gravel mining in and along Crooked Creek. The appropriate resolution of these issues is important to the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission ("Commission"), the gravel mining industry, fishermen and outdoor recreationalists, and the citizens of Arkansas as a whole; however, additional time is needed by the special committee in order to complete its review of these issues and make any recommended changes. Nevertheless, as an interim measure, the special committee has recommended, and the Commission likewise agrees, that it would be prudent for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") to limit the terms of any new or renewed open-cut or stream-bed gravel mining permits in or along Crooked Creek to not more than (12) months.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby requests that the Director of the Department consider as a matter of sound policy that, until the Commission concludes its current evaluation of mining issues pertaining to Crooked Creek, including implementation of any proposed amendments to Regulation No. 2 and/or 15, the Department limit the terms of any new or renewed gravel mining permits in-stream or adjacent to Crooked Creek to not more than twelve (12) months.

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