

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing at Little Rock for November 3, 2005, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 15, the Arkansas Open-Cut Mining and Land Reclamation Code (Code). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Building D Training Room, 8101 Interstate 30.

Commission authority for revising Regulation No. 15 is found in the Arkansas Code, Annotated, Chapter 15-57-301, et seq., and in the Arkansas General Assembly's Act 855 of 2005.

Proposed changes to Regulation 15 include adoption of language to provide for the issuance of general permits under the Code; correction of typographical errors in the current regulation; and reformatting of the regulation to conform to Commission standards for its regulations.

Copies of the proposed regulation changes are available for inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ Public Outreach and Assistance Division, 8101 Interstate 30 in Little Rock, or at ADEQ 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 located on the State Capitol grounds at Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the proposed regulation change is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site located at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interests of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. November 18, 2005. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, Public Outreach and Assistance Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. Electronic mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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