

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING

DRAFT NPDES DISCHARGE PERMIT NUMBER AR0052272 AND

DRAFT STATE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT NUMBER AR0052272C

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The ADEQ will hold a public meeting and hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the Melbourne Community Room, 63 Municipal Drive, Melbourne, AR 72556 to accept comments on the draft permits for Tri-Co, Inc. - Gravel Washing Plant, Hwy 354 West, Horseshoe Bend, AR 72512; Location: ½ mile west of Horseshoe Bend city limits on Arkansas State Highway 354, on the right just past the bridge over the Little Strawberry River; Latitude: 36° 14' 2.6" N; Longitude: 91° 47' 26.2" W in Izard County, Arkansas. The draft state construction permit is for construction of a treatment system to treat stormwater runoff and process water from sand and gravel washing operations, and the draft NPDES permit is for discharge of the treated stormwater runoff and process water into the Little Strawberry River, thence to the Strawberry River, thence to the Black River, thence to the White River in Segment 4G of the White River Basin.

At the hearing, all interested parties may submit written or oral statements regarding the draft NPDES permit and the draft state construction permit to the Hearing Officer for consideration. The purpose of said hearing is to allow public participation in the determination of the terms and conditions of the issuance of the NPDES permit and the state construction permit. ADEQ technical staff will be available to informally discuss the draft permits. In addition, a hearing officer will accept public comments during this time. Verbal comments will be accepted, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy.

Both draft permits were open for public comment for 30 days (Draft State Construction Permit No. AR0052272C from December 4, 2013 through January 3, 2014, and draft NPDES Permit No. AR0052272 from December 11, 2013 through January 10, 2014). Comments were received on the draft permits during these public comment periods, and included requests for a public meeting and hearing. Based upon these comments, and in accordance with APC&EC Regulation Nos. 8.209 and 8.210, the Department will conduct a public meeting and hearing. The comment period for both draft permits will be reopened only during the public hearing on March 11, 2014, and will close when the public hearing adjourns.

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.

Comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 and APC&EC Regulation No. 8. All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on ADEQ's draft permitting decision, must submit written comments to ADEQ at the public hearing, along with their name and mailing address. After the public hearing, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. ADEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the APC&EC Regulation No. 8 (Administrative Procedures).

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