Notice of Draft Renewal Permit and Public Hearing NPDES General Permit ARG750000 for Facilities Discharging Washwater Associated with a Car/Truck Wash located within the State of Arkansas

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Water Division, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 at telephone number (501) 682-0623, proposes a draft renewal of the general permit for facilities discharging washwater associated with a car/truck wash located within the State of Arkansas under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act.

Dischargers located within the State of Arkansas requesting coverage will be authorized to discharge to all allowable waters, as set forth in General Permit ARG750000. All receiving waters are a Water of the State classified for raw water source for public, industrial, and agricultural water supplies, propagation of desirable species of fish and other aquatic life, and other compatible uses.

To submit written comments, request information regarding the draft general permit, or obtain a copy of the general permit and the Fact Sheet, contact the General Permits Section at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

Copies of the Draft General Permit, Public Notice, Fact Sheet, and Notice of Intent (NOI) are available at the Department's website at the following web address by entering the permit number listed above: http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch_permits/individual_permits/pn_permits/pnpermits.asp.

The public comment period will begin on the date of publication, April 12, 2014 and will end on May 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. (Central Time).

Public Meeting/Hearing:

A public meeting/hearing will be held on Tuesday May 13, 2014 beginning at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) in Commission Room at ADEQ's Headquarters in North Little Rock at the above address. During the public 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 meeting/hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.

Comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulation) Parts 124.10 through 124.12 and APC&EC Regulation No. 8, Administrative Procedures. All persons who wish to comment on ADEQ's draft permitting decision must submit written comments to ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. ADEQ will notify each person who has submitted written comments and/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 Regulation No. 8. After the public comment period and public hearing, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision.

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