

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING

### DRAFT OPEN-CUT MINING PERMIT DECISION

Horner Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Big Oak Sand and Gravel

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will hold a public meeting and hearing on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the Southwest Volunteer Fire Department station, 26710 Highway 84, Malvern, AR 72104 to accept comments on the draft permit decision for Horner Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Big Oak Sand and Gravel, 105 West Grand Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901; Proposed Mine Location: in Sections 2 and 11, Township 5 South, Range 18 West, 0.2 miles east of Social Hill Loop, Social Hill, AR 72104 in Hot Spring County, Arkansas. The draft open-cut mining permit decision is for the operation of a sand and gravel mining facility. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the draft permit decision and application materials by contacting the Surface Mining and Reclamation Division at 501-682-0807.

At the hearing, all interested parties may submit written or oral statements regarding the draft open-cut permit to the hearing officer for consideration by ADEQ. Verbal comments will be accepted, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. The purpose of said hearing is to allow public participation in the determination of the permitting process for the open-cut mining permit. ADEQ technical staff will be available to informally discuss the draft permit. The public comment period will begin on the date of publication, July 29, 2014 and will end on August 28, 2014 when the public hearing adjourns.

Public hearing procedures may be found in APC&EC Regulation No. 8 (Administrative Procedures). After the public hearing and the close of draft permit decision comment period, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. ADEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written and oral comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision when the final decision has been issued. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the APC&EC Regulation No. 8.

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 and comment period.

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