

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold public hearings at Little Rock March 6, 2006, to receive comments on proposed revisions to Commission Regulation No. 19 (state implementation plan for air pollution control), and for adoption of a proposed new Regulation No. 31 (nonattainment new source review). The hearings will be held in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) Building D Training Room, 8101 Interstate Highway 30. The Regulation 19 hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m., and the Regulation 31 hearing will begin immediately after the Regulation 19 hearing ends.

Commission authority to revise Regulation 19 and to adopt the new Regulation 31 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) Section 8-4-201, et seq.

Proposed changes to Regulation 19 include repeal of Chapter 12, which deals with areas designated as not meeting federal air quality standards (provisions of Chapter 12 would be incorporated into the proposed new Regulation 31); and a date change in the Regulation 19 section dealing with delegated federal air quality programs.

Provisions of the proposed new Regulation 31 would involve incorporation of Chapter 12 from Regulation 19; establishment of permitting requirements for major air emissions sources in areas not meeting federal air quality standards; and establishment of an Economic Development Zone for Crittenden County, which currently is not meeting the federal air quality standard for ozone.

Copies of the proposed changes to both regulations are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ's Little Rock office in the Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division, located in Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, 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; or in the Arkansas State Library located on the State Capitol grounds at Little Rock. In addition, a copy of each regulation showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents, 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. March 20, 2006. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. E-mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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