

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATION CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock March 30, 2006, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 3, Licensing of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators in Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) Building D Training Room, 8101 Interstate Highway 30.

Commission authority to amend Regulation No. 3 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-5-201 et seq.

Proposed changes to the regulation include establishment of a definite procedure for suspension or revocation of a wastewater treatment plant operator's license; addition of new requirements for an Apprentice Industrial Wastewater Operator license; removal of the Industrial Wastewater Conversion procedure; removal of outdated language related to the last previous revision of the regulation; clarification of requirements for correspondence courses; and clarification of the license examination process.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation No. 3 are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division in ADEQ Building D, 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, Russellville, Pocahontas, 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 in Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site 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 or electronic mail comments will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. April 13, 2006. Written comments should be sent 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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