

## **Summary of Proposed Changes to Regulation No. 15, the Arkansas Open-Cut Land Reclamation Code**

The primary purpose for the proposed changes to Regulation No. 15 is to incorporate changes to the Arkansas Open-Cut Land Reclamation Act (A.C.A. 15-57-301 *et seq.*) by Act 609 of 2011. The changes can be found in Reg.15.502(H).

A new section has been added at Reg.15.312 to describe procedures for permit transfers. Exemptions found in Reg.15.301 have had a disclaimer added concerning possible short term authorizations or water quality permits from the Department that would be necessary even with an exemption from obtaining a mining permit. Appendix A and Appendix B are proposed to be deleted. Appropriate references to APC&EC Regulation No. 2 have been added to direct readers to that regulation for the information that had been in the two appendices. Other changes have been made as clarifications to make the regulation easier to read and understand.