

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS

January 20, 2012

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Announces Public Listening Sessions for Revisions to the Water Quality Standards (Regulation No. 2)

The Public Listening Sessions regarding Regulation No. 2 are scheduled as follows:

Feb. 9 ADEQ, Commission Room, 5301 Northshore Dr., North Little Rock	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 15 Clarion Inn, 1255 S. Shiloh, Fayetteville	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 16 University of Arkansas Community College, 2005 White Drive, Batesville	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21 Eugene Woods Civic Center, 212 W. Polk, West Memphis	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 23 Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, 2215 W. Hillsboro, El Dorado	6:00 p.m.

GET INVOLVED AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) must review its water quality standards (Regulation No. 2) every three years. During this review process, ADEQ may make revisions, if necessary.

These revisions may include:

- Updating standards
- Revising standards that are difficult to interpret
- Adding appropriate new standards
- Correcting grammatical and typographical errors

Although public comments are accepted every review session, ADEQ is offering even more opportunities for the public to get involved during the 2013 review process. Public Listening Sessions will provide a platform for the public to:

- submit comments on Regulation No.2 prior to the initiation of the official triennial review process.
- learn about the Stakeholder Workgroups scheduled for later in 2012 and how they can potentially become a part of them.

Ultimately, the Public Listening Sessions, coupled with the Stakeholder Workgroups, will serve as an outlet for open communication between ADEQ and the public and will facilitate an appropriate revision of Regulation No. 2.

HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT:

Oral and written comments pertaining to Regulation No. 2 will be accepted at the Public Listening Sessions. Additional written comments may be sent to ADEQ following the guidelines below. All comments will be considered by the Stakeholder Workgroup; however it is anticipated that the Stakeholder Workgroup may not find it appropriate to incorporate all comments into Reg. No. 2 at this time.

WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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North Little Rock, AR 72118

E-mail comments should be addressed to: Reg2Listening-Comments@adeq.state.ar.us

**IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO
LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012.**

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION:

A complete copy of Regulation No. 2 is available on the ADEQ's web site at www.adeq.state.ar.us or can be obtained by contacting Sarah Clem in the ADEQ Water Division; telephone, 501-682-0660; e-mail, clem@adeq.state.ar.us.