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Notice of Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision, Public Hearing, and Comment Period

NORTH LITTLE ROCK— The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is proposing changes to the Arkansas State Implementation Plan (SIP) to incorporate Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rules 9, 19, 26, and 31 as recently codified to comply with Act 662 of 2019. Act 662 of 2019 requires that all state administrative rules be written in plain language and creates the Code of Arkansas Rules (CAR) that will be contained in a searchable online database. The Bureau of Legislative Research is reorganizing and renaming the rules listed above to comply with Act 662 of 2019. There are no substantive changes to current regulatory language and no new or revised requirements resulting from this proposed SIP revision. This proposed SIP revision will provide a roadmap of previous SIP-adopted citations in the APC&EC Rules as these coincide with current CAR codification citations.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-317, DEQ by this notice solicits comments of any interested party to the proposed SIP revision by submitting comments on or before the end of the public comment period, which is 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Jan. 20, 2025. Comments received during the public comment period from stakeholders and the public regarding the proposed SIP revision will be made a part of the record.

Complete copies of the proposed SIP revision are available for inspection and review after making an appointment during regular business hours at the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment headquarters, located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The proposed SIP update is also available at DEQ 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; and in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.



A public hearing on the proposed SIP revision will be held on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (CST) to accept comments. The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment headquarters, located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The public hearing may be viewed via live broadcast on the E&E YouTube channel at [Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - YouTube](#). If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Oral and written comments regarding the proposed SIP revision will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Demetria Kimbrough, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, or emailed to ee.comment@arkansas.gov.

The proposed SIP revision is posted to E&E's website at <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/>.

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