

Notice of Public Review Period for Arkansas Air Monitoring Network

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 58, Subpart B, states are required to submit an annual air monitoring network plan to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will submit Arkansas's plan to the US EPA Region 6 office in Dallas, TX after a 30-day public review period for comments. The public review period will expire on July 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

This network plan is required to provide the framework for establishment and maintenance of an air quality surveillance system for the state. The document includes proposed changes to the Arkansas air monitoring network for Fiscal Year 2017, and represents ADEQ's efforts to effectively protect the health of the citizens of Arkansas through ambient air monitoring using the latest and best technology that is commercially available and to communicate the data collected as quickly and accurately as possible.

Per the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) 2010 SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard SO₂ Data Requirements Rule (SO₂ DRR), ADEQ is also making available for public notice and comment an Ongoing Data Requirement, Annual Updated Emissions Report and Further Modeling Recommendation that documents in Appendix A to this annual network plan that SO₂ emissions from the Entergy Arkansas, Inc. White Bluff Steam Electric Station have decreased in 2015-2016 compared to the years of 2012-2014, which were the years evaluated in the modeling analysis submitted to the U.S. EPA on September 11, 2015.

The proposed Arkansas plan is available for public inspection on the ADEQ's web site at the following address: <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/pdfs/arplan2017.pdf>

In addition, a paper copy of the proposed plan can be obtained by contacting Miriam Talbert in the ADEQ Air Lab at 501.682.0925 or miriam@adeq.state.ar.us .

Any comments should be sent no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2017, to:

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