

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPORARY VARIANCE/INTERIM AUTHORITY

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation - Thomas B. Fitzhugh Generating Station
Permit Number AR0001759C – AFIN 24-00012

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Ark Code Ann. Section 8-4-230(a)(1)(B), that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317, phone number 501.682.0618, has granted an Interim Authority to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation - Thomas B. Fitzhugh Generating Station, P.O. Box 78, Ozark, AR 72949. The facility is hereby authorized to modify the process water retention pond, as specified in the construction permit application received on May 19, 2017, with additional information received May 24, 2017, prior to the final issuance of a construction permit for this activity. The proposed construction will occur at 6006 Lock and Dam Road, Ozark, AR 72949.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-230 and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation 8.216, any member of the public may object to the Director's decision within ten (10) business days of the date of this notice. Objections will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) on the last day of the comment period. Written objections should be sent to: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, ATTN: Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317 or by fax at 501.682.0910, or by email at: Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

After consideration of any timely written objections, the Director may revoke or modify the conditions of this interim authority within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this decision for compelling reasons or good cause shown. The Director's revocation or modification of her prior decision becomes a final decision for purposes of appeal. Upon issuance of the final decision, notice of the final decision will be sent to the applicant and those persons who submitted timely objections. If the Director's initial decision is not revoked or modified within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the decision, the decision is deemed final for purposes of appeal.

Documents concerning this matter are available for viewing/copying at ADEQ's offices, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2017

Becky W. Keogh, Director
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality