



ARKANSAS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing revisions to the Arkansas state implementation plan (SIP). The proposed SIP revision is based on proposed amendments to Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule 19, which has been noticed separately. Oral and written comments by stakeholders and the public will be received and made a part of the record during the public comment period.

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 in writing on or before the end of the public comment period, which is September 30, 2021. All comments should be sent to Erika Droke at the address below.

Full and complete copies of the proposed SIP revision are available for inspection and review after making an appointment during regular business hours at the DEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

A public hearing on the proposed SIP revision will be held on September 16, 2021 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Central Time to accept comments. The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the E&E headquarters building 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 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMr_txISHivnxRjg3dmOZ0A. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Participation may be in person or through the Zoom virtual meetings platform. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the proposed SIP for consideration at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment in person must pre-register by leaving a voicemail at 501-682-0542, or emailing droke@adeq.state.ar.us before 4:00 p.m., Central Time on the day before the hearing. The number of participants in the Commission Room at one time will be limited to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment through the Zoom virtual meetings platform during the public hearing must be placed on a “virtual sign-in list” by leaving a voicemail at 501-682-0542 or emailing droke@adeq.state.ar.us before 4:00 p.m., Central Time on the day before the hearing. Persons attending via the Zoom virtual meetings platform may participate using a telephone or internet audio. The Zoom information will be provided to those persons on the virtual sign-in list. A request to be included on the list of commenters must include the name and mailing address of the individual requestor or commenter and, for those wishing to comment via Zoom using telephone access, the commenter’s phone number.

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. In addition, written and

electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time, September 30, 2021. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Erika Droke, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Submit electronic comments on the proposed state plan to: airplancomments@adeq.state.ar.us.

Proposed revisions to the Arkansas SIP are necessary if the proposed amendments to Rule 19 are adopted to ensure that the changes to state rules are changed in the federally-enforceable SIP. The proposed amendments to Rule 19 update certain outdated references to federal law, remove obsolete provisions, and adopt standards of performance for municipal solid waste landfills as required by federal law. Updates to outdated references to federal law include revisions to the definition of carbon dioxide equivalent; the definition of volatile organic compound; and updates to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guideline on air quality modeling, opacity testing, pollutants regulated under Clean Air Act § 111, ambient air quality monitoring methodology, data reduction, and total reduced sulfur continuous monitoring. The proposed amendments include revisions to Rule 19.405(B)(1); Rule 19.407(C)(3), Rule 19.904(G)(5), and Appendix A Group A Items 1 and 13 to remove currently stayed provisions intended to address now vacated federal greenhouse gas regulatory requirements. The proposed amendments would also remove obsolete provisions pertaining to the vacated Clean Air Interstate Rule trading program, disapproved and nonregulatory provisions for implementing the Regional Haze program, and Pulaski County-specific volatile organic compounds rules from the 1980s that are redundant with more recent EPA regulations and have been demonstrated to be unnecessary to ensure compliance with ozone national ambient air quality standards. Additional non-substantive revisions are proposed throughout Rule 19 for consistency and clarity.

The proposed SIP revision is posted to E&E's website at <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/>. A complete listing of the proposed changes to Rule 19 upon which the proposed SIP revision is based can be found on the Draft Regulations page of the DEQ's website: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx under APC&EC Docket No. 21-001-R.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed SIP revision is 4:30 p.m., Central Time, September 30, 2021.

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