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 Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has prepared the Arkansas Ambient Air Monitoring Network Annual Network Plan for 2022–2023 (Network Plan) for submission to EPA Region 6. DEQ has also prepared for public review an update to the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Data Requirements Rule (SO₂ DRR) ongoing data requirements, which has been included as Appendix A to the Network Plan. The public review period is May 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. Written comments received from the public during the public review period will be made part of the record.

This Network Plan provides the framework for establishment and maintenance of an air quality surveillance system for the state. The Network Plan represents the DEQ's commitment to 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 to the public as quickly and accurately as possible. This Network Plan does not include any proposed modifications to Arkansas's existing ambient air monitoring network.

The Network Plan and the SO₂ Data Requirements Rule, Annual Updated Emissions Report (Appendix A) are available for public inspection on DEQ's web site at the following address:

https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/apn.aspx

In addition, a paper copy of the Network Plan can be obtained by contacting Michael Day at the DEQ, Office of Air Quality via telephone (501-682-0832) or e-mail (michael.day@adeq.state.ar.us).

DEQ will accommodate interested persons with limited English proficiency by producing critical information in languages other than English upon request. Request for materials in another language should be sent to Shay Randolph by email at shay.randolph@adeq.state.ar.us or by phone at 501-682-0801.

Any comments regarding the Network Plan or the SO₂ Data Requirements Rule, Annual Updated Emissions Report should be sent no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2022, to:

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