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

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing a revision to the Arkansas state implementation plan (SIP). This revision is intended to address a SIP call issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with respect to a provision in the Arkansas SIP, Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Rule 19.602, that provides for an affirmative defense for non-compliance with a technology-based emission limitation during emergency conditions if certain criteria are met. In this SIP revision, DEQ is proposing to remove Rule 19.602 from the federally-enforceable Arkansas SIP. Although this provision would be removed from the federally-enforceable Arkansas SIP, no changes to Rule 19.602 are proposed and the provision will remain in effect as a State-only provision.

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 June 22, 2022. All comments should be directed to Erika Droke at the electronic mail or physical mail addresses listed 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 June 22, 2022, beginning at 2:00 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 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



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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, June 22, 2022. 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.

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

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed SIP revision is 4:30 p.m., Central Time, June 22, 2022.

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