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**DEQ Launches On-Track Assistance Meeting Program**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Office of Air Quality (OAQ) has launched a new assistance program for facilities subject to permitting for air emissions. The On-Track Assistance Meeting Program, available through DEQ’s ePortal, allows a facility to request a meeting shortly after issuance of a draft or final permit with an inspector from the facility’s area and an OAQ permit engineer to ensure a common understanding of permit requirements, DEQ policy, and inspector expectations.

By using an online form, facilities can request a meeting shortly after the draft or final issuance of an initial permit, significant modification, or a permit renewal. During the On-Track Assistance meeting, OAQ personnel will discuss permit requirements, how DEQ interprets key provisions, and what the inspector will look for during an inspection. The form to request a meeting is available on DEQ’s website: [https://eportal.adeq.state.ar.us/?FormTag=Air\\_OTA](https://eportal.adeq.state.ar.us/?FormTag=Air_OTA).

The On-Track Assistance meeting ensures that the facility, the OAQ permit branch, and the OAQ compliance branch have a common understanding of how to interpret permit provisions and prevent potential confusion that could result in unintentional violations. DEQ expects that this program will help ensure compliance and foster a mutually beneficial working relationship between regulated entities and the OAQ.

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