

**Notice of Draft Permit Decision for the Renewal of Permit and Public Hearing
Open-Cut Mining General Permit 0002-MN-AG2 for Eligible Operators of Open-Cut
Mines within the State of Arkansas**

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Office of Land Resources, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 at telephone number 501.682.0805, proposes a draft renewal permit of the general permit 0002-MN-AG2 for the operation of an open-cut mine site located within the State of Arkansas under the Arkansas Open-Cut Land Reclamation Act. Coverage under this permit authorizes the operator to mine twenty acres or less outside of a stream channel. To submit written comments, request information regarding the draft general permit, or obtain a copy of the draft general permit and the summary of changes, contact the Mining Program at the above address and telephone number or by email at generalpermitrenewal@adeq.state.ar.us . The comment period shall end at 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) on February 20, 2018. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation 8.209 and 8.210 (Administrative Procedures). All persons who wish to comment on ADEQ's draft permitting decision must submit written comments to ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. After the public comment period, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. ADEQ will notify each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the APC&EC Regulation No. 8.603.

A public hearing will be held in the APC&EC Commission Room on the first floor of the ADEQ Headquarters at the address listed above on February 20, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at adjournment by the Hearing Officer to accept comments on the draft permit. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the draft permit to the Hearing Officer for consideration at the public hearing. If inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances develop, a decision may be made to postpone the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.

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