

Public Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing
PERMIT NUMBER 5321-W
AFIN 60-01021

This is to notice that the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 at telephone number (501) 682-0650, is holding a Public Hearing for the proposed draft permit, Permit No. 5321-W, for coverage under an individual no-discharge land application of biosolids permit.

Applicant: Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority - Fourche Creek Water Reclamation Facility, 9500 Birdwood Dr., Little Rock, AR, 72206. The land application sites are on multiple farm fields in Pulaski County. For a more detailed description of the locations for each land application site, refer to Part II of the draft permit or the waste management plan. These documents may be accessed by searching the permit number listed above at the following website:

<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/home/pdssql/pds.aspx>

Previously, DEQ accepted public comments on the proposed draft permit January 26, 2020, to February 25, 2020. Based on comments received during the public notice period and in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation No. 8.209, DEQ will conduct a public hearing.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 9, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Central Time to accept comments on the draft permit. The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the DEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Attendance may be in person or through the Zoom virtual meetings platform. Persons attending the public hearing in person will be screened prior to entry and will be required to wear a mask. The number of participants in the Commission Room at one time will be limited to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Persons attending via the Zoom virtual meetings platform may participate using a telephone or internet audio. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the draft permit to the Presiding Officer for consideration at the Public Hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

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 notifying the Presiding Officer before 4:00 p.m. Central Time on the day before the hearing. Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment in person should notify the Presiding Officer before 4:00 p.m. Central Time on the day before the hearing. A request to be included on the list of commenters must include the name and mailing address of the individual requestor or commenter and be submitted by email to Comment@adeq.state.ar.us or by leaving a voicemail at (501) 682-0907. Written comments may be submitted to the Presiding Officer by email to the above email address until 11:59 p.m. on the day of the hearing, and must also include the commenter’s name, mailing address and email address.

The Zoom meeting for the public hearing can be attended using a phone or computer by the number or link below.

To join the Zoom meeting via phone: +1 (312) 626-6799

To join the Zoom meeting via internet: <https://zoom.us/j/99318584495>

Zoom Meeting ID: 993 1858 4495

Procedures for permitting decision may be found at APC&EC Rule 8 (Administrative Procedures).