

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT**

### **YARD WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY (TYPE Y COMPOSTING FACILITY) GENERAL PERMIT**

In accordance with provisions of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation No. 8.207, public notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has made a decision to issue a General Permit for the operation of yard waste composting facilities.

Proposed General Permit 0000-SCYW is hereby issued for eligible yard waste composting facilities. This Permit will apply to facilities as described below and as further defined in APC&EC Regulation No. 22.

The Yard Waste Composting Facility General Permit will be available to cover facilities located in the State of Arkansas which choose to be covered by the General Permit, meet the terms of the Permit, and comply with restrictions of APC&EC Regulation No. 22. APC&EC Regulation No. 22 defines composting as the deliberate aerobic decomposition of waste into a stable humus-like material. Yard waste and other Type Y compost material are the only acceptable materials eligible for processing under this permit. Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, leaves, and shrubbery trimmings. Type Y compost material is defined as yard waste or other vegetative materials such as tree prunings or chipped brush.

Any interested person is encouraged to submit oral or written comments to the ADEQ regarding the technical and regulatory merits of this proposed General Permit decision within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice. After consideration of the written comments received within the public comment period, ADEQ shall determine the necessity of a public hearing on the permitting decision. Only those persons who submit written comments on the decision during this designated thirty (30) day comment period, or who make comments for the record at a formal public hearing called by ADEQ, shall have legal standing to appeal any final permitting decision made by the Director. ADEQ will mail the notice of final permitting decision to those persons submitting written or public hearing comments.

Copies of the proposed permit, fact sheet, and related permit forms, applicable regulations and other supporting documents will be available for public review, inspection, and photocopying at ADEQ, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, during normal business hours. Additional information can be obtained by calling the ADEQ at (501) 682-0833. There may be a charge for photocopying documents.

Written comments concerning this decision should be sent to:

Tammie J. Hynum  
ADEQ – Office of Land Resources  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118

A final, written decision on issuing the general permits will be prepared and distributed by the Department. The final decision will include a response to each issue raised during the public comment period and will include an explanation of the rationale for any technical requirements or standards involved in making the final decisions. Any person with legal standing in this matter may appeal the Department's final decisions to the APC&EC. Appeals must be in accordance with the requirements of APC&EC, Regulation No. 8. General information on appeal procedures may be obtained by contacting the Legal Division, Arkansas

Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118 (501-682-0892); however, specific legal advice cannot be provided.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

Becky W. Keogh

Director  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality