

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing in North Little Rock on July 13, 2017, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 23 (Hazardous Waste Management). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The deadline for submitting written comments on the regulation is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) July 27, 2017.

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, 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. APC&EC authority for revising Regulation 23 is found in the Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-7-209(b)(1).

Proposed revisions to Regulation 23 include adopting amendments to federal hazardous waste management regulations, 40 C.F.R. Parts 260-279, that were published in the Federal Register between January 13, 2015, and April 17, 2015, and that affect the hazardous waste management program implemented by ADEQ pursuant to the Hazardous Waste Management Act and the APC&EC Regulation 23 concerning Hazardous Waste Management. These amendments include adoption of the revised definition of “solid waste” and related changes; vacatur of the Comparable Fuels Rule and the Gasification Rule; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; and miscellaneous corrections, language, and formatting changes to correct inconsistencies such as typographical errors, incorrect citations, failure to adopt previous final rules in their entirety, etc., between Regulation 23 and the current federal regulations. A complete listing of the proposed changes to Regulation 23 can be found on the Draft Regulations page on ADEQ’s website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 23 are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, or at ADEQ information depositories located in public libraries at Arkadelphia, Batesville, Blytheville, Camden, Clinton, Crossett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Magnolia, Mena, Monticello, Mountain Home, Pocahontas, Russellville, Searcy, Stuttgart, Texarkana, and West Memphis; in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas at Conway.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearings, 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) July 27, 2017. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Kelly Robinson, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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