Notice of Draft Renewal Permit and Public Meeting/Hearing NPDES General Permit ARR000000 for Facilities Discharging Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity located within the State of Arkansas

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Water Division, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 at telephone number (501) 682-0623, proposes a draft renewal of the general permit for operators of individual treatment facilities generating only domestic waste located within the State of Arkansas under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act.

Dischargers located within the State of Arkansas requesting coverage will be authorized to discharge to all allowable waters, as set forth in General Permit ARR000000. All receiving waters are a Water of the State classified for raw water source for public, industrial, and agricultural water supplies, propagation of desirable species of fish and other aquatic life, and other compatible uses.

To submit written comments, request information regarding the draft general permit, or obtain a copy of the general permit and the Fact Sheet, contact the General Permits Section at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

A copy of the Draft General Permit, Public Notice, Fact Sheet, and Notice of Intent (NOI) are available at the Department's website at the following web address by entering the permit number listed above: http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch_permits/individual_permits/pnpermits/pnpermits.aspx.

The public comment period will begin on the date of publication, November 6, 2013 and will end on December 6, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. (Central Time).

Public Meeting/Hearing:

A public meeting/hearing will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013 beginning at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) in the ADEQ Commission Room in North Little Rock at the above address. During the public hearing, verbal comments will be accepted, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. 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.

Comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 and APC&EC Regulation No. 8, 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. ADEQ will notify each person who has submitted written comments and/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 Regulation No. 8. After the public comment period and public hearing, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision.

In addition to the public meeting/hearing on Friday, December 6, 2013, there will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) in the ADEQ Commission Room in North Little Rock at the above address.

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