

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 February 27, 2018, to receive comments on proposed amendments to emergency APC&EC Regulation 36 (Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program). 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 proposed regulation is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) March 15, 2018.

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 the new Regulation 36 is Act 317 of 2017, the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 8-9-401 *et seq.*

The proposed amendments simplify the name of the program to the Tire Accountability Program (TAP); provide comprehensive program administration information in compliance with Act 317 of 2017, the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 8-9-401 *et seq.*, to include provisions for permitting, licensing, enforcement, and beneficial uses; remove preliminary implementation dates and deadlines that reference 2017; add references to new or renamed forms; and make minor revisions to include correcting typographical, grammatical, formatting, and stylistic errors throughout the emergency regulation. The complete filing with the APC&EC related to the proposed changes to Regulation 36 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 36 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 hearing, 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) March 15, 2018. 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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