

**Notice of Draft Renewal Permit and Public Hearing**  
**NPDES General Permit ARG590000 for Eligible Operators of Concentrated Animal Feeding**  
**Operations (CAFOs) within the State of Arkansas**

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 at telephone number (501) 682-0650, proposes a draft renewal of the general permit ARG590000 for the construction and operation of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation as defined in Part 10 of the permit, except those facilities which are excluded in Part 1.4 of the general permit, located within the State of Arkansas under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act. Coverage under this permit authorizes the land application of manure, litter, or process wastewater and mortality management in accordance with a nutrient management plan. This permit also authorizes discharges from a wastewater storage lagoon only when a precipitation event meets or exceeds a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event.

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 Permits Section at the above address and telephone number or by email at [Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us).

A copy of the Draft General Permit, Public Notice, and Fact Sheet 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/pn\\_permits/pnpermits.aspx](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch_permits/individual_permits/pn_permits/pnpermits.aspx).

The comment period shall end at 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) on April 14, 2016. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation 6.104(A)(5) [40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and APC&EC Regulation 8.209 and 8.210 (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. After the public comment period, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. ADEQ will notify the applicants and each person who has submitted written comments 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 the APCEC Regulation No. 8.603.

**Public Meeting and Hearing**

A public meeting and hearing will be held April 14, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Time at the Jasper School District Cafetorium, 600 School Street, in Jasper, AR in Newton County to accept comments on the draft permit. Enter the school building at the clock tower. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the draft permit to the Hearing Officer for consideration at the Public Hearing. No additional public comments will be accepted upon adjourning the Public Hearing. If inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances develop, a decision may be made to postpone the meeting and 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.

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