

WHAT IS NEW WITH SOLID WASTE @ DEQ?

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

Update for Solid Waste Operators: Classes will resume soon. Please be sure to check this link to see the current class schedule: AETA www.sautech.edu/aeta/aeta-class-schedule-solid-waste.

CURRENT TOPICS

Attention Regulated Community: DEQ's Solid Waste team is reviewing the approved cost estimate calculations for all disposal and processing facilities. This is with the intention to ensure that our regulated community maintains a proper amount for their financial assurance. If any change to your approved cost estimate calculations is required, you will receive a written notification with proper instructions. For any questions, please contact Annette Cusher at cusher@adeq.state.ar.us.

RECENT UPDATES

CLARIFICATION

The DEQ Solid Waste Division has received some questions recently regarding the disposal of animal carcasses. It is indeed legal for Arkansas Class 1 landfills to accept animal carcasses. While taking into consideration free-flowing liquids, farmers can also bury carcasses in accordance to Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission guidelines.

For more information on the issue contact Annette Cusher at cusher@adeq.state.ar.us.

POLICY UPDATES

The Director of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), issued Emergency Order LIS: 20-137 (www.adeq.state.ar.us/covid-19) in connection with the outbreak of COVID-19 in Arkansas and its impacts on the licensing programs administered by DEQ's regulatory programs. On March 20, 2020, the DEQ Director ordered the following actions to be taken:

1. Licensees shall submit their respective license renewal applications and the required license renewal fees within the time required by the respective DEQ-administered license program requirements.
2. For DEQ-administered licensing programs with licenses that expire on or before July 1, 2020, DEQ shall provide an additional six months for licensees to obtain the necessary professional development hours required to renew their respective licenses. Licensees shall submit documentation of completed professional development hours within ten days of completion.
3. Licensees that fail to submit the proper renewal application, license renewal fee, and documentation of completed professional development hours within the time period set forth in Paragraphs 1 and 2 above, will not be renewed.

SHINING STAR

The Regional Recycling & Waste Reduction District in Pulaski County began recycling plastic grocery bags at the District's Green Stations on March 2, 2020. Grocery bag recycling is handled by the District's partner, Natural State Recycling of Little Rock. Craig Douglass, Executive Director at Regional Recycling & Waste Reduction District, said the District is starting with plastic grocery bags to see how receptive customers are to keeping these types of bags out of curbside carts and out of landfills, but more single-use plastic may be collected in the future. For more information go to: MyDoRight.com.