

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 June 25, 2018, to receive comments on proposed amendments to APC&EC Regulation 1 (Regulation for the Prevention of Pollution by Salt Water and Other Oil Field Wastes Produced by Wells in All Fields or Pools). The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.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) July 10, 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 proposed amendments to Regulation 1 is the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-101 *et seq.*

The proposed amendments to the regulation simplify the name of the program to Prevention of Pollution by Oil Field Wastes; eliminate a duplicative permitting process for Disposal Wells that are not Commercial Disposal Wells or High Volume Disposal Systems by establishing permit by rule for Disposal Wells permitted by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission (AOGC); update definitions; and make minor revisions to include correcting typographical or grammatical errors and updating formatting to conform with current stylistic guidance throughout the regulation. The complete filing with the APC&EC related to the proposed changes to Regulation 1 can be found on the Draft Regulations page on ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx under APC&E Commission Docket #18-005-R.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 1 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) July 10, 2018. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Raeanne Gardner, 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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