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Notice of Second Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has proposed amendments to Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule 2, “Rule Establishing Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas,” pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 8-1-203 and 8-4-202. Oral and written comments by stakeholders and the public will be received and made a part of the record during the public comment period.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-202 and APC&EC Rule 8, DEQ by this notice announces a second public hearing to be held on Feb. 5, 2025, beginning at 2 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) to accept comments on the proposed amendments to Rule 2. Interested parties may submit comments to the proposed rule amendments by submitting comments in writing on or before the end of the public comment period, which is Feb. 5, 2025. All written comments should be sent to Melissa Gober at the address below.

Oral and written comments regarding the rule amendments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition, written comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) on Feb. 5, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by regular mail, commercial delivery company, or by email. Comments submitted by regular mail or commercial delivery company should be delivered or mailed to: Melissa Gober, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Submit email comments on the proposed rule amendments to: EE.comment@arkansas.gov.

The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the Department of Energy and Environment headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The public hearing may be viewed via live broadcast on the E&E YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@arkansasdepartmentofenergy6731>. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

A complete listing of the proposed changes to Rule 2 can be found on the Draft Regulations page of DEQ’s website: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx under APC&EC Docket No. 24-005-R. For additional information and other locations where a complete listing of the proposed changes to Rule 2 can be found, see the previous public notice published on Dec. 7 and

8, 2024, which is also available at the website identified above.

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