Notice of Proposed Changes to Regulation 3

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing May 13, 2002, at Little Rock, Arkansas, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 3, the Arkansas wastewater treatment plant operators licensing program. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, in Little Rock.

Authority for the proposed regulation change is found in Arkansas Code Annotated 8-5-205, et seq.

Proposed revisions to Regulation No. 3 include addition of a new license classification for industrial wastewater treatment plant operators; provisions for industrial operators with municipal licenses to convert their licenses to the new industrial classification; provisions for operators to hold both municipal and industrial operator licenses; and changes in the criteria used for wastewater treatment plant classification.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public inspection at the ADEQ's Little Rock office in the Customer Service Division in Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, 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; and in the Arkansas State Library, located on the State Capitol grounds in Little Rock. The proposed changes also may be viewed or downloaded in electronic format at the Department's Internet web site found at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interests of accuracy. In addition written or electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. May 28, 2002. Written comments should be mailed to: Doug Szenher, public affairs supervisor, Customer Service Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. Electronic mail comments should be sent to the following Internet address: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2002, Richard A. Weiss, Interim Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality