

**ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT: Petition to
Initiate Rulemaking -
To Amend Regulation No. 3**

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On October 12, 2007, The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("Department"), filed a Petition to Amend Regulation No. 3, Licensing of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators. The Petition has been designated as Docket No. 07-____-R.

The Regulations Committee of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission met on October 26, 2007, to review the Petition. Having considered the Petition, the Regulations Committee recommends the Commission institute a rule-making proceeding to adopt the proposed revisions to Regulation No. 3.

1. The Department shall file an original and two (2) copies of all materials required under this Minute Order.

2. Persons submitting written public comments shall submit their written comments to the Department. Within ten (10) business days following the adoption or denial of the proposed rule, the Department shall deliver the originals of all comments to the Commission Secretary.

3. A public hearing shall be conducted during the week of December 17, 2007, at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Commission Room, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72118.

4. Public notice of the proposed rulemaking will be published during the week of October 31, 2007. The period for receiving all written comments shall conclude ten (10) business days after the public hearing pursuant to Regulation No. 8, Part 3, Section 3.2.3, unless an extension of time is granted.

5. The Department shall file, a Statement of Basis and Purpose as required by Regulation No. 8, Section 3.6.2(1), (2) and (3) in sufficient time to appear on the February 2008 Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission agenda.

6. The Department shall file a proposed Minute Order deciding this matter no later than the deadline for inclusion on the February 2008 Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Meeting Agenda.

7. The Department shall seek review of the proposed rule from the Joint Interim

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Committee on Public Health and Welfare and/or from the Joint Interim Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

8. The Regulations Committee will consider this matter at its February 2008 meeting. Members of the Regulations Committee may ask questions of the Department and any person that made oral or written comments. The Regulations Committee will make a recommendation to the Commission.

9. At its regularly scheduled February 2008 meeting, the presentation of oral statements and legal arguments shall be regulated as follows:

- a. A Chair of the Commission will permit members of the public to make a statement to the Commission. No more than three (3) minutes will be allowed for each statement. The period for statements will close at the end of one (1) hour, or sooner if all interested persons have completed their statements. The Chair in his discretion, may extend the one (1) hour public comment period.
- b. At the discretion of the Chair, an attorney representing one or more individuals, a corporation or other legal entity may be permitted five (5) minutes in which to address the Commission.
- c. Department legal counsel or other designated Department employee will be permitted ten (10) minutes in which to address the Commission.
- d. At the conclusion of all comments, the Chairman will call on each Commissioner for the purpose of asking the attorneys or persons who are present sponsoring comments, any questions they may have. Attorneys will not be permitted to respond or ask follow-up questions of any person questioned by a Commissioner.

After each Commissioner has had an opportunity to ask questions, the Chair will entertain a motion on the matter, allow discussion, and call for a vote of the Commission members.

10. The Commission authorizes the Chair and the Regulations Committee, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, to revise the procedures and schedules set out above.

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11. Executive Order 05-04 and Act 143 of 2007 requires that the Commission determine whether a proposed rule affects small businesses. Based on the information contained in the Petition, the Commission finds Department has complied with the procedures set forth in Executive Order 05-04 and Act 143 of 2007.

The Commission accepts the recommendation of the Regulations Committee and initiates the rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. 07-___-R, effective October 26, 2007. The Commission adopts, without modification, the procedural schedule set forth above.

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_____ **SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Ewing PASSED: October 26, 2007**