

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATION CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock March 27, 2006, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 6, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program in Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) Building D Training Room, 8101 Interstate Highway 30.

Commission authority to amend Regulation No. 6 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-4-202 et seq.

Proposed changes to the regulation include adding a new definition of the term "operator;" addition of language clarifying that the Commission has promulgated Minute Order 80-21 (1980) that specified "Recommended Standards for Sewage Works" in addition to "Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities" (also referred to as the "10 State Standards") be considered for basic design criteria for wastewater treatment plants; and addition of language to clarify that only Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) with actual wastewater discharges, as opposed to potential discharges, are required to apply for an NPDES permit from the ADEQ.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation No. 6 are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division in ADEQ Building D, 8101 Interstate 30 in Little Rock, 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, Russellville, Pocahontas, 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. In addition, a copy of the proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site 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 accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. April 10, 2006. Written comments should be sent to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. E-mail comments should be sent to reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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