

ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Petition to
Initiate Rulemaking -
Regulation No. 6

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On March 9, 2007, The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") filed a Petition to Amend Regulation No. 6, Regulation for the State Administration of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System. The Petition has been designated as Docket No. 07-____-R.

The Commission's Regulations Committee met on March 23, 2007, to review the Petition. Having considered the Petition, the Regulations Committee recommends the Commission institute a rule-making proceeding to consider adopting the proposed revisions to Regulation No. 6.

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 beginning the week of May 14, 2007, in the following locations: Little Rock. Details regarding the time and location of the public hearings are under consideration and will be provided in the public notices.

4. Public notice of the proposed rule-making will be published the week of March 28, 2007. The period for receiving all written comments shall conclude ten (10) business days after the date of the last public hearing pursuant to Regulation No. 8, Part 3, Section 3.2.3, unless an extension of time is granted.

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5. The Department shall file, in sufficient time to appear on the August 2007 Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission agenda, a Statement of Basis and Purpose as required by Regulation No. 8, Section 3.6.2(1), (2) and (3).

6. The Department shall file, in sufficient time to appear on the August 2007 Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission agenda, a proposed Minute Order deciding this matter.

7. The Department shall seek review of the proposed rule from the Joint Interim 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 March 2007 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 March 2007 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.

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- 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 requires that the Commission determine whether a proposed rule affects small businesses. On February 7, 2007, the proposed revisions to Regulation Number 6 were presented to Mr. Sylvester Smith of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development. Based on Mr. Smith's response on March 2, 2007, (see attached Exhibit E), the proposed revisions to Regulation Number 6 will not impact small businesses. Therefore, the Commission concludes that the procedures set forth in Executive Order 05-04 have been complied with concerning the proposed revisions to Regulation No. 6.

The Commission accepts the recommendation of the Regulations Committee and initiates the rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. 07-____-R, effective March 23, 2007. The Commission adopts, without modification, the procedural schedule set forth above.

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_____ SUBMITTED BY: Dan Etzkorn PASSED: March 23, 2007
Dana Samples, Chairman