NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATION CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock May 14, 2007, 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 G Commission Room, located in the Arkansas State Police Headquarters Building, No. 1 State Police Plaza.

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

Proposed significant changes to the regulation include addition of language to clarify the requirement that wastewater treatment plant construction and discharge applications to the ADEQ must include an approval letter from the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services, and addition of language limiting the amount of total phosphorus which can be discharged to the Ouachita River from a joint pipeline project in Union County. Other proposed changes involve updating citations of federal regulations referenced in Regulation No. 6, and changing references to other state agencies which have been renamed in recent years.

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. May 29, 2007. 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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