

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE, PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold two public hearings in May of 2010 to receive public comments on proposed changes to APC&EC Regulation No. 6 (Regulations for State Administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES]). The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposal is 4:30 p.m. June 3, 2010.

The first hearing will be held May 18, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the Jones Center for Families Chapel, 922 East Emma Avenue, Springdale, AR 72765.

The second hearing will be held May 19, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive.

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a decision may be made to postpone one or both hearings. If either hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.

APC&EC authority to revise Regulation No. 6 is found in the Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-4-201, et seq.

The only significant proposed change to Regulation No. 6 is the addition of a new section, Reg. 6.203, which provides for the issuance of permits by rule for construction of individual wastewater treatment facilities which generate less than 1,000 gallons per day of domestic waste, providing certain conditions are met. The conditions involve obtaining prior approval by the ADEQ and the Arkansas Department of Health, and submitting proper notice to the ADEQ at least 10 days before the start of construction. The new section also establishes effluent limits for systems meeting the new criteria. Systems covered by the new language will still have to obtain a discharge permit before being put into service.

The existing language under Reg. 6.203 in Regulation 6 will be re-numbered as Reg. 6.204.

Copies of the proposed Regulation No. 6 changes are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division in the ADEQ's headquarters building in North Little Rock, and in 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, 900 W. Capitol, Suite 100, Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the draft regulation showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading on the draft regulations page of the ADEQ's Internet web site at [www.adeq.state.ar.us](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us).

Oral and written statements will be accepted at the hearings, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be accepted if received no later than 4:30 p.m. June 3, 2010. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic mail comments should be sent to: [reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us).

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