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Re: Statement that APC&EC Rule 6 cannot wait to be heard

To whom it may concern:

By email of October 17, 2024, the Department of Energy and Environment requested that the amendment of APC&EC Rule 6 be reviewed by the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees on October 28, 2024, and reviewed and approved by the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council on November 14, 2024. Pursuant to the Rules of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee, the deadline for this request was the 15th of the month. The Department of Energy and Environment submits that this rule cannot wait to be heard and asks that the rules be suspended to allow APC&EC Rule 6 to be placed on the agendas.

This request is made in accordance with a request from a member of the Legislature for the Department of Energy & Environment to have the proposed rule ready for review at the Arkansas Legislative Council's November meeting and would allow the rule to be reviewed at the same time as a related rule from the Department of Agriculture. Expediting review of this rule is beneficial to the regulated community because it would provide clarity on pending permitting matters. If the rule is not reviewed until the December meeting of ALC, any concerns raised at that time may not be resolved until after the upcoming regular session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kesia Morrison'.

Kesia Morrison
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