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HEARING SET FOR PROPOSED PERMIT FEE CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock January 13, 2004, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 9, the fee system for environmental permits issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the ADEQ's Building G Commission Room, located within the Arkansas State Police Headquarters Building, No. 1 State Police Plaza.

Proposed changes to Regulation 9 include adoption of a \$100 fee for confined animal feedlot operations using the dry litter disposal method; a \$200 general permit fee for Phase II storm water construction permits; and a \$200 general permit fee for certain sand and gravel mining operations. In addition, the proposed changes include correction of previous typographical errors; clarification of portions of the regulation involving initial, annual, renewal, and modification fees; and deletion of language which has become unnecessary or redundant since the last revision of the regulation.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ's Little Rock office in the Customer Service Division, located in Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, or 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,

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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; or in the Arkansas State Library located on the State Capitol grounds at Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the regulation showing the proposed changes is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site located at www.adeq.state.ar.us .

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition written and electronic mail comments will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. January 28, 2004. Written comments should be sent to Doug Szenher, Customer Service Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. Electronic mail comments should be sent to:

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