

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold public hearings at Little Rock January 17, 2006, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation Nos. 9 and 13. Regulation 9 is the permit fee regulation for most environmental permits issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), and Regulation 13 deals with the fee system for the ADEQ's laboratory certification program.

The public hearing topics involve the proposed repeal of Regulation 13 and incorporation of most of the provisions of Regulation 13 into Regulation 9. Both hearings will be held in the ADEQ's Building D Training Room, 8101 Interstate Highway 30. The Regulation 13 hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m., and the Regulation 9 hearing will begin immediately after all comments on Regulation 13 have been submitted.

The Commission's authority regarding Regulation No. 13 is found in the Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.), section 8-2-201, et seq.; while authority for Regulation No. 9 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 8-1-101, et seq.; 8-4-101, et seq.; and 8-6-201, et seq.

In addition to adding most of the provisions of Regulation 13 to Regulation 9, proposed changes to Regulation 9 include:

- Changing the title of the regulation to "Fees Regulation."
- Minor formatting changes in Chapter 4, and changing a reference from "sand and gravel" to "aggregate facilities."
- Adding a section in Chapter 5 concerning permit fees for small businesses subject to permitting requirements under Part 70 of the federal Clean Air Act.
- Changes to Chapter 6 involving fees for various solid waste management facilities.
- Addition of a new Chapter 9 involving procedures for review of fees and appeals.

Copies of the proposed changes to both regulations are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ's Little Rock office in the Public Outreach and Assistance 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, 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 each 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 hearings, but written comments are preferred in the interests of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments on the proposed changes to both regulations will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. January 31, 2006. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, Public Outreach and 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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