

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

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DIVISIONS: Water Division

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To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Fee Regulation

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes _____ No X

This proposed revision of Regulation No. 9 creates permit fees for new general permits for the land application of drilling fluids and the construction, operation and closure of pits associated with oil and gas exploration and production issued by the Water Division of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The permit fees are very similar to what a permit applicant would expect to pay for an individual permit for the same activity. The other proposed amendments to Regulation No. 9 clarify the fee structure for certain general permits issued by the Air and Solid Waste Divisions of ADEQ, but does not increase existing permit fees. In total, the financial impact of the proposed amendments will be minimal.

2. If you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibited, please explain.
Not applicable.

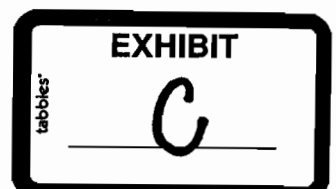
3. If the purpose of this rule or regulation is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.
Not applicable. This rule does not implement a federal rule.

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____
Total _____

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____
Total _____



4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation? Identify the party subject to the proposed regulation, and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

FEES ADDED TO FEE SCHEDULE: (Paid by facilities seeking coverage by the applicable general permit)

\$500 initial fee – 00000-WG-LA (Permit for Land Application of Drilling Fluids)

\$500 renewal fee – 00000-WG-LA

\$300 initial fee – 00000-WG-P (Permit for Oil and Gas Drilling Pits)

\$300 renewal fee – 00000-WG-P

FEES REMOVED FROM FEE SCHEDULE: (Permits no longer issued by ADEQ)

\$400 initial fee – ARG010000 (Concentrated Animal Feedlot Liquid Animal Waste Disposal)

\$400 renewal fee – ARG010000

\$100 initial fee – ARG590000 (Concentrated Animal Feedlot Dry Litter Disposal)

\$100 renewal fee – ARG590000

FEES CLARIFIED IN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: (Existing fees not increased)

\$200 initial fee – General Air Permit

\$200 renewal fee – General Air Permit

\$900 initial fee – General Solid Waste Permit

\$450 renewal fee – General Solid Waste Permit

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _ Minimal – Invoices will be sent for permits, which will require minimal staff time. Other fiscal activities will be required to process permit fees.

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