

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATION CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock January 17, 2012, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation 9, which governs the permit fee program for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the ADEQ Commission Room at the agency headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed changes is 4:30 p.m. January 31, 2012.

APC&EC authority to amend Regulation 9 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 8-4-201, 8-4-202, 8-4-304, and 8-4-311.

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

The only substantive proposed change to Regulation 9 is in Chapter 5, which deals with fees for permits issued by the ADEQ Air Division, and would exclude carbon dioxide and methane from being chargeable emissions under air permit fee formulas.

Other proposed revisions to the regulation involve corrections of typographical errors and formatting changes.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 9 are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the ADEQ Public Outreach and Assistance Division on the second floor of the headquarters building, or at 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, Russellville, Pocahontas, 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 proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web site 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 or electronic mail comments will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. January 31, 2012. Written comments should be sent to Doug Szenher, Public Outreach and Assistance 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.

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