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HEARING SET ON PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock December 1, 2003, to receive comments on proposed changes to Commission Regulation No. 11, which deals with solid waste disposal fees, the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, and the recycling grants program, all part of the Arkansas solid waste management program administered by the Commission and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the ADEQ Building G Commission Room, which is located within the Arkansas State Police Headquarters Building at No. 1 State Police Plaza in southwest Little Rock.

Proposed changes to Regulation No. 11 include amendments to the reporting requirements and to provisions involving disposition of funds collected involving state recycling grants; new requirements for the use of weight scales and reporting procedures for Class 1 and Class 3C landfills; deletion of the regulation's Chapter Four, involving funding for an illegal dump eradication program, because the legislative authority for the funding has expired; addition of requirements for regional solid waste districts to develop regional solid waste management plans to comply with requirements of the state solid waste management plan developed by the ADEQ; clarification of several definitions in the regulation; reformatting of the regulation to conform to regulation standards adopted by the Commission; and correction of typographical errors.

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Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interests of accuracy. In addition, written comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. December 15, 2003. Written comments should be submitted as follows: By mail to Doug Szenher, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Customer Service Division, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913; by telephone fax to Doug Szenher, 501-682-0880; or by electronic mail to reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us .

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation No. 11 are available for public inspection during normal office hours at the ADEQ's Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, Little Rock, Arkansas, 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, 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; and in the Arkansas State Library located on the State Capitol grounds at Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the proposed revised Regulation 11 and related documents, are available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet web page located at www.adeq.state.ar.us .