## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT OF PROPOSED RULES OR REGULATIONS

EO 05-04 and Act 143 of 2007: Regulatory Flexibility

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Title or Subject: <u>Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation No. 11: Regulations for Solid Waste Disposal Fees; Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund; and Recycling Grant Programs</u>

## **Benefits of the Proposed Rule or Regulation**

- 1. Explain the need for the proposed change(s). Did any complaints motivate you to pursue regulatory action? If so, Please explain the nature of such complaints. The proposed changes incorporate changes in state law based on Act 819 of 2011 and Act 1333 of 2013. No complaints were involved.
- 2. What are the top three benefits of the proposed rule or regulation? The proposed changes will update the regulation to comply with state law. These changes should allow more funds for recycling, which in turn should keep waste out of landfills.
- 3. What, in your estimation, would be the consequence of taking no action, thereby maintaining the status quo? The regulation would remain out of compliance with state law. An additional consequence of not taking action would be potential confusion and other issues with the Regional Solid Waste Management Districts that are now entitled to a larger percentage of the disposal fees under the state law.
- 4. Describe market-based alternatives or voluntary standards that were considered in place of the proposed regulation and state the reason(s) for not selecting those alternatives. N/A

## **Impact of Proposed Rule or Regulation**

- 5. Estimate the cost to state government of *collecting information, completing paperwork, filing recordkeeping, auditing and inspecting* associated with this new rule or regulation. No additional costs will occur to state government with this proposed regulation.
- 6. What types of small businesses will be required to comply with the proposed rule or regulation? Please estimate the number of small businesses affected. This regulation will not affect small businesses.
- 7. Does the proposed regulation create barriers to entry? If so, please describe those barriers and why those barriers are necessary. No.
- 8. Explain the additional requirements with which small business owners will have to comply and estimate the costs associated with compliance. No additional requirements on small business owners.
- 9. State whether the proposed regulation contains different requirements for different sized entities, and explain why this is, or is not, necessary. No different requirements for different sized entities.
- 10. Describe your understanding of the ability of small business owners to implement changes required by the proposed regulation. Proposed changes do not add any additional requirements to small business owners.
- 11. How does this rule or regulation compare to similar rules and regulations in other states or the federal government? There are not any federal regulations analogous to this regulation. Other states have similar regulations to this regulation.
- 12. Provide a summary of the input your agency has received from small business or small business advocates about the proposed rule or regulation. N/A