

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock March 3, 2014, to receive public comments on proposed revisions to Commission Regulation 11 (Solid Waste Disposal Fees; Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund; and Recycling Grants Program). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed Regulation 11 changes is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) March 17, 2014.

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 Commission's authority for amending Regulation No. 11 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-6-201, et seq.

Proposed changes to Regulation 11 are being made to comply with legislative provisions adopted by the Arkansas General Assembly under Act 1333 of the 2013 regular session. The changes would replace the Recycling Grant Program in Regulation 11 with a new Recycling Fund, and establish criteria for distribution of recycling funds to the various Regional Solid Waste Management Districts in Arkansas. The proposed changes also include clarification of issues involving management of previously distributed Recycling Grant funds and provisions in the Computer and Electronic Equipment Recycling Grants Program.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ office in the Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division, 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 (main branch), 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, 900 West Capitol, Suite 100, in Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the regulation showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents, is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ web site located 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 and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) March 17, 2014. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. E-mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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