

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATION CHANGE

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock March 7, 2012, to receive comments on proposed changes to APC&EC Regulation 14 (Regulations and Administrative Procedures for the Waste Tire Program). The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Headquarters Building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock.

The deadline for submitting comments on the proposed changes is 4:30 p.m. March 21, 2012.

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 APC&EC's authority for amending Regulation 14 is found in the Arkansas Code Annotated, Section 8-9-401, et seq.

Proposed substantive changes to Regulation 14 involve incorporation of language from the Arkansas General Assembly's Act 744 of 2011, which added a definition for wide-base tires or extra-wide single tires, and which updated definitions for automobile and truck tires to reflect current tire industry standards. In addition, minor changes involving typographical errors and formatting issues are being proposed.

Copies of the proposed changes to the regulation are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Public Outreach and Assistance Division in the ADEQ 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, 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 W. Capitol, Suite 100, Little Rock. In addition, a copy of the regulation showing the proposed changes is available for viewing or downloading at the ADEQ's Internet 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 on the proposed changes to the regulation will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. March 21, 2012. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, Public Outreach and Assistance 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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