

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock November 5, 2009, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 18 (Arkansas Air Code). The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive. The deadline for submitting written comments on the regulation is 4:30 p.m. November 20, 2009.

APC&EC authority to revise Regulation 18 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) Section 8-4-301, et seq.

Proposed changes to Regulation 18 involve clarification of language in one section (Reg. 16.605) regarding ADEQ procedures for authorizing open burning activities in the state.

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, 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 located on the State Capitol grounds at 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'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 will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. November 20, 2009. 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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