

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock December 5, 2006, to receive comments on proposed revisions to Commission Regulation No. 19 (state implementation plan for air pollution control). The hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) Building D Training Room, 8101 Interstate Highway 30.

Commission authority to revise Regulation 19 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) Section 8-4-201, et seq.

Proposed changes to Regulation No. 19 include addition of a new Chapter 14 to meet Arkansas' obligations under the recent federal Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) to address interstate transport of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from electric generating units (EGUs) which burn fossil fuels. The CAIR regulation creates an interstate cap and trading program for NO_x and SO₂ emissions.

The proposed new Chapter 14 would list federal regulations being replaced by the new provisions, as well as those new federal regulations being adopted by reference; create a "trading budget" for annual allocation of NO_x ozone season allowances; establish timing requirements for NO_x ozone season allowance allocations for EGUs; and establish criteria for NO_x ozone season allowance allocations.

In addition, a proposed change to Chapter 19, Section 705 of Regulation No. 19 would implement new record-keeping requirements for emission inventories of stationary sources of air pollution emissions governed by Regulation No. 19.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ's Little Rock office in the Public Outreach and Assistance (POA) Division, located in Building D, 8101 Interstate 30, 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 interests of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 19, 2006. Written comments should be mailed to Doug Szenher, POA Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913. E-mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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