NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock June 26, 2008, 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 Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive.

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 involve:

- Updating Section 19.1401 to incorporate recent federal air quality regulation changes for a new definition of the term, "biomass," and modification or clarification of the terms, "cogeneration unit," "total energy input," and "permitting authority."
- Correcting the abbreviation of the term "MW" (megawatt) to "MWh" (megawatt hour) in Section 19.1404.

The revisions to Regulation 19 are being proposed in order to bring the state regulation into conformance with the federal Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), which deals with interstate transport of nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions from fossil-fuel powered electric generating units through the use of a cap and trade program. Provisions of the CAIR program previously were incorporated by reference into Regulation 19.

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 interests of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. July 11, 2008. 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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