NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) is rescheduling a hearing for proposed changes to APC&EC Regulation No. 19, Regulations of the Arkansas Plan of Implementation for Air Pollution Control, and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is rescheduling a hearing on a proposed revision to the Arkansas state implementation plan (SIP).

The rescheduled Regulation No. 19 hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. on November 16th, and the hearing for the SIP will immediately follow. Both hearings will be in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

In addition, APC&EC is extending the comment period on the Regulation No. 19 rulemaking, and ADEQ is extending the comment period on the proposed SIP revision. The comment period for both the rulemaking and the proposed SIP revision will now close on Friday, November 30, 2018. Send electronic comments on the regulatory changes to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us. Send electronic comments on the proposed SIP revision to AirPlanComments@adeq.state.ar.us. Send written comments on both the regulatory changes and the proposed SIP revision to:

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The rulemaking seeks to adopt the 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 26, 2015 (80 FR 65292). Adoption of the 2015 ozone NAAQS by the APC&EC is required under Ark. Code Ann. 8-4-318(b)(1) for submission by ADEQ of the proposed SIP revision, which addresses Clean Air Act §110 requirements for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS to the EPA.

A copy of the draft regulation showing the proposed changes, along with related support documents are available for viewing or downloading on the draft regulations page of the ADEQ's Internet website at www.adeq.state.ar.us. A copy of the proposed SIP is available on ADEQ's Internet website at https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/2015ozone.aspx.

Inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances may cause postponement of the hearing. In the event of a decision to postpone or reschedule, a new legal notice will announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.