

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO)
REGULATION NO. 19)**

DOCKET NO. 18-006-R

**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S
STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE**

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (the "Commission") is given the power and responsibility to promulgate rules and regulations. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 8-1-203(b)(1), the Commission is granted the power and responsibility to promulgate rules and regulations implementing the substantive statutes which are administered by the Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

The purpose of this rule is 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 Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) is required under Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-318(b)(1) for submission by the ADEQ of revisions to the state implementation plan demonstrating compliance with Clean Air Act §110 requirements for the standard to the EPA.

These rules are in the public interest and are necessary to ensure compliance with both state and federal law.

Respectfully submitted,

DIVISION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

By: _____


Stuart Spencer

Associate Director, Office of Air Quality
(501) 682-0750
spencer@adeq.state.ar.us