

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE, PUBLIC HEARING**

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing at North Little Rock April 6, 2010, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 21 (Arkansas Asbestos Abatement Regulation). The hearing 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. April 20, 2010.

In the event of inclement weather, a decision may be made to postpone the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of new hearing date.

APC&EC authority to revise Regulation 21 is found in Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) Section 8-4-101, et seq., and Section 20-27-1001, et seq.

Many of the proposed changes involve formatting revisions, addition of clarifying language to regulation definitions and changes to other areas of the regulation.

Significant proposed revisions to Regulation 21 include:

- Changes to Chapter 5 involving requirements for project designs and for licensing and certification provisions for persons involved in asbestos abatement or renovation work;
- New requirements in Chapter 6 for notification procedures;
- Record keeping requirement changes in Chapter 7;
- Revisions to air monitoring requirements under general work procedures found in Chapter 9;
- Clarification and reformatting of disposal requirements in Chapter 11;
- Changes in the insurance requirements for consultant and contractor licensing in Chapter 13;
- Revisions to Chapter 14 involving licensing of training providers;
- Certification and accreditation requirements in Chapter 15 involving various personnel involved in asbestos projects;
- Changes to Chapter 18 involving training requirements;
- Revisions to the fee schedule in Chapter 22;
- And changes involving reciprocity issues in Chapter 24.

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, 900 W. Capitol, Suite 100, 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](http://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. April 20, 2010. 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](mailto:reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us).

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