



## DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### Notice of Proposed Rule Changes, Public Hearing, and Comment Period

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has proposed amendments to Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (PC&EC) 8 CAR pt. 60, "Solid Waste Management Rules" pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-1-203(b)(1)(A) and Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-6-207(b). Oral and written comments by stakeholders and the public will be received and made a part of the record during the public comment period.

Pursuant to PC&EC 8 CAR pt. 11, DEQ by this notice solicits comments of any interested party to the proposed rule amendments by submitting comments in writing on or before the end of the public comment period, which is March 11, 2026. All comments should be sent to Peter Alberg at the address below.

Full and complete copies of the proposed changes to 8 CAR pt. 60 are available for inspection and review after making an appointment during regular business hours at E&E headquarters, located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The proposed rule changes are also available at DEQ information depositories located in public libraries in the cities of 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; and in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

A public hearing will be held Feb. 25, 2026, at 2 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST), to accept comments on the proposed amendments to 8 CAR pt. 60, "Solid Waste Management Rules." The hearing will be held in the commission room at E&E headquarters building at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The public hearing may be viewed via live broadcast on the E&E YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@arkansasdepartmentofenergy6731>. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details

of the new hearing date.

Oral and written comments regarding the rule amendments 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. (CST), March 11, 2026. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Peter Alberg, Legal Division, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Submit email comments on the proposed rule amendments to: [ee.comment@arkansas.gov](mailto:ee.comment@arkansas.gov).

The proposed amendment to 8 CAR pt. 60, "Solid Waste Management Rules," amends the rule to conform to new requirements which were established in Act 791 of 2025, Section 39. This section of the act provides that any expenditure of "**in excess of \$2,000,000** per site from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund" for a corrective action to remedy environmental impacts "shall be subject to the review and approval by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission." Subsection (b) of 8 CAR § 60-1304, "Landfill post-closure clean-up restrictions," provides that any expenditures **in excess of \$50,000** "from the fund for corrective action for remedy to environmental impacts of closed disposal sites . . . will be prioritized and authorized by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, by adoption of a minute order, after addressing corrective actions needed to address environmental impacts from permitted landfills closed properly." The proposed rule amendment increases the amount of the expenditure threshold from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 to make the section consistent with Act 791 of 2025.

A complete listing of the proposed changes to 8 CAR pt. 60 can be found on the Draft Rules page of the DEQ's website: [https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft\\_regs.aspx](https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx) under PC&EC Docket No. 25-001-R.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed rule revisions is 4:30 p.m. (CST), March 11, 2026.

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