

News Release

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Public Hearing Set on Proposed Changes To Regulation 23

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission will hold a public hearing at Little Rock on August 6, 2003 to receive comments on proposed revisions to Commission Regulation No. 23 (Hazardous Waste Management). The hearing will begin at 2 p.m. in the Building D Training Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality offices at 8101 Interstate 30, in Little Rock.

Regulation No. 23 governs the state and federal hazardous waste management program.

Regulation No. 23 as a whole is not open for revision. Comments are restricted to the changes proposed by the Hazardous Waste Division. These changes include incorporation of revisions to the federal hazardous waste management regulations (40 CFR Parts 260-279) published in the *Federal Register* between August 10, 2001 and December 31, 2002. These revisions include:

- Amendments to the Mixture and Derived-From rules;
- Addition of three wastes from inorganic chemical manufacture to the list of hazardous wastes;
- Amendments to the Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) rule;
- Adoption of the final MACT operating standards for hazardous waste-burning cement kilns, lightweight aggregate kilns, and incinerators;
- Conditional exclusions for fertilizers made from recycled hazardous secondary materials;
- Treatment standards for radioactively contaminated cadmium-, mercury-, and silver-containing batteries;
- Adoption of a waste delisting decision for wastewater treatment sludges resulting from electroplating operations at the Tokusen USA, Inc. facility in Conway, AR;
- Technical amendments/corrections to state-only provisions of the Regulation; and
- Deletion of the Hazardous Substances Remedial Action Trust Fund Priority List from Regulation No. 23. The Priority List is being promulgated as a separate regulation, APC&EC Regulation No. 30.

Copies of the proposed Regulation No. 23 are available for public

inspection at ADEQ's Little Rock office, or at ADEQ's 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; and in the Arkansas State Library, located on the State Capitol grounds at Little Rock.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing, but for the accuracy of the record, written comments are preferred. In addition, written comments will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. August 20, 2003. Written comments should be sent to: Doug Szenher, Public Affairs Supervisor, Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 8913, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913.

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