

Exhibit A:

Statement of Basis and Purpose

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO)
REGULATION 27: LICENSING OF OPERATORS) DOCKET NO. 20-001-R
OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES)
AND ILLEGAL DUMPS CONTROL OFFICERS)**

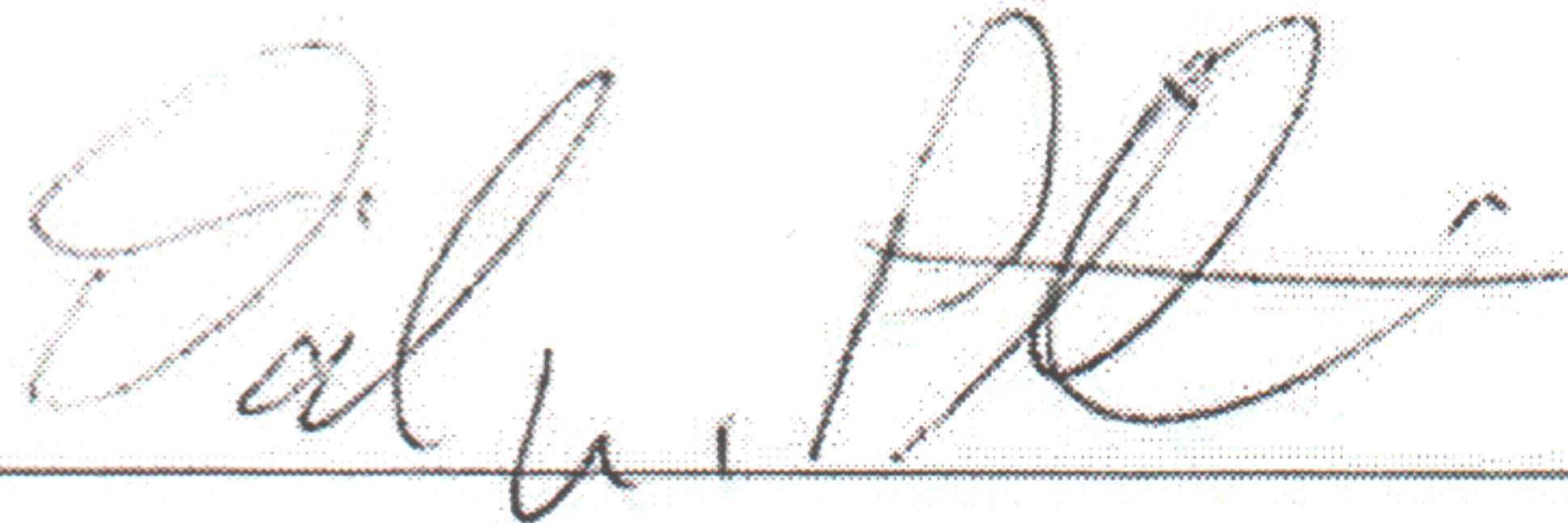
STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE
OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission is vested with general authority to make and amend rules in Ark. Code Ann. § 8-01-203(b)(1)(A), and is vested with specific authority to make and amend rules with regard to solid waste disposal in Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-207, and to make and amend rules associated with the Environmental Compliance Resource Program in Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-2006.

The purpose of the revisions to Regulation 27 is to implement Act of Apr. 16, 2019, No. 1067, which is codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-2001, *et. seq.* The revisions are necessary for the administration of the Environmental Compliance Resource Program and the licensing of environmental officers. The amendments to Regulation 27 are also necessary under the same Act to comply with Arkansas law that repeals the duties and powers of illegal dumps control officers. Additionally, the amendments to the regulation implement changes required by Act 1067 to promulgate necessary forms to be used by environmental officers. The amendment to Regulation 27 further incorporates changes mandated by Act of March 5, 2019, No. 315 to change all references of “Regulation” to “Rule,” and changes in terminology to conform to the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019, No. 910.

The amendments to Regulation 27 are necessary to serve the public interest and ensure compliance with state law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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