

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing in North Little Rock on March 9, 2020, to receive comments on proposed amendments to APC&EC Regulation 27 (Licensing of Operators of Solid Waste Management Facilities and Illegal Dumps Control Officers). The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed regulation is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) March 23, 2020.

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, 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 the new hearing date and comment period. APC&EC authority for proposed amendments to Regulation 27 can be found in Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 8-6-905, 8-6-2006, and 8-6-2007.

Proposed revisions to Regulation 27 include incorporation of statutory changes passed by the Arkansas General Assembly that require the promulgation of necessary rules for DEQ's administration of the Environmental Compliance Resource Program and the licensing of environmental officers; the repeal of the duties and powers of illegal dumps control officers; the promulgation of necessary forms to be used by environmental officers; changing references from Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to Division of Environmental Quality, changing references of regulations to rules; and a variety of non-substantive and minor stylistic changes in the interest of clarity and consistency.

A complete listing of the proposed changes to Regulation 27 can be found on the Draft Regulations page of the ADEQ's website: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx under APC&EC Docket #20-001-R.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 27 are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the DEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, or at DEQ 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.

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. (Central Time) March 23, 2020. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Jake Harper, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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