

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO)
RULE 27: LICENSING OF OPERATORS) DOCKET NO. 22-001-R
OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES)
AND TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION)
REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL)
OFFICERS)**

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE
OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (“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 APC & EC Rule 27 is to promulgate new mandated rules for the Division of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) administration of the Environmental Compliance Resource Program, new mandatory rules for DEQ’s administration of the licensing program for solid waste management facility operators, new mandatory rules for the licensing requirements of environmental officers, and new mandatory rules for the licensing requirements of solid waste management facility operators. The amendments to Rule 27 incorporate changes mandated by statutory changes from Act 749 of 2021 and Act 773 of 2021 passed by the Arkansas General Assembly.

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

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