

**ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL & ECOLOGY COMMISSION
ECONOMIC IMPACT/ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

Rule Number & Title:

Rule 27

Licensing of Operators of Solid Waste Management Facilities and Training and Certification Requirements for Environmental Officers

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2A. ECONOMIC IMPACT

1. Who will be affected economically by this proposed rule?

The proposed changes to Rule 27 incorporate new laws from Act 749 and Act 773 of 2021 of the State Legislature to the rule. There are no entities that will be affected economically by this proposed rule.

2. What are the economic effects of the proposed rule?

There will be no economic effects due to the changes in the proposed rule.

3. List any fee changes imposed by this proposal and justification for each.

There are no fee changes to Rule 27 in this proposed rulemaking to the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.

4. What is the probable cost to DEQ in manpower and associated resources to implement and enforce this proposed change, and what is the source of revenue supporting this proposed rule?

The agency cost to implement and enforce the revised rule is the same as to implement and enforce the current rule.

5. Is there a known beneficial or adverse impact to any other relevant state agency to

implement or enforce this proposed rule? Is there any other relevant state agency's rule that could adequately address this issue, or is this proposed rulemaking in conflict with or have any nexus to any other relevant state agency's rule? Identify state agency and/or rule.

There is no known impact to another state agency nor is there another state agency's rule that could address any of the proposed changes. This rulemaking is not in conflict with, nor has any nexus to, any other relevant state agency's rule.

6. Are there any less costly, non-regulatory, or less intrusive methods that would achieve the same purpose of this proposed rule?

No, this proposed revision is being made due to Act 749 and Act 773 of 2021 of the State Legislature.

2B. ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT

1. What issues affecting the environment are addressed by this proposal?

This proposal addresses administrative changes made by Act 749 and Act 773 of 2021 of the State Legislature to Rule 27. This rule concerns the licensing, training, and authority of solid waste management facility operators and environmental officers. Any environmental effect would involve the actions of these persons who perform their licensed duties regarding solid waste disposal.

2. How does this proposed rule protect, enhance, or restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans?

Reducing pollution in the state is not only beneficial to citizens' health, but also to the tourism industry, particularly eco-tourism and outdoor recreation. The proposed changes to Rule 27 will assist in the regulation of solid waste disposal in the state.

3. What detrimental effect will there be to the environment or to the public health and safety if this proposed rule is not implemented?

There will be no detrimental effects to the environment or public health due to the changes to Rule 27.

4. What risks are addressed by the proposal and to what extent are the risks anticipated to be reduced?

There are no environmental risks addressed by the proposal.