

EXHIBIT A:

STATEMENT OF BASIS & PURPOSE

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The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality maintains and administers a hazardous substance site cleanup program to implement the provisions of the Arkansas Remedial Action Trust Fund Act (RATFA), (Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 8-7-501 *et seq.*)

The background, purpose, and specific need for each revision is discussed separately below.

1. State Priority List Sites

(a) Sites Proposed for Deletion from the State Priority List

ADEQ is proposing to delete six (6) sites from those currently listed on the State Priority List. Site investigation and necessary remedial activities have been completed at these sites to a point where the site no longer poses an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment from hazardous substances defined under the Arkansas Remedial Action Trust Fund Act, or that the site is currently being addressed on the National Priority List and included in a separate section of the regulation.

The sites proposed for delisting are listed below. Details on the sites' background history and the investigation and cleanup activities carried out were detailed in the initial Petition to Amend Regulation No. 30, filed on September 8 , 2009, available at http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/drafts/reg30_draft_docket_09-006-R/reg30_draft_docket_09-006-R.htm .

The sites proposed for delisting are:

- (1) **Benton Salvage**
- (2) **Huntco Steel/JMS Processing**
- (3) **Rixey Iron & Metal Company**
- (4) **Tankersley/White Dairy**
- (5) **United States Forgecraft**
- (6) **Valspar Corporation**

(b) Sites Proposed for Addition to the State Priority List

ADEQ is proposing to add the following four (4) sites to the State Priority List in order to address the threats or perceived threats to human health and the environment posed by hazardous substance releases and related contamination at each site:

- (1) **Norphlet Chemical, Inc.**
- (2) **Star Starrett**
- (3) **Walgreens Store #03425**
- (4) **Thompson Scientific Industries**

Detailed information on the background, history, potential threats, and proposed response

actions for each site is detailed in the Petition to Amend Regulation No. 30, filed September 8, 2009, available at

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