

Statement of Basis and Purpose

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. National Priority List Sites

ADEQ proposed to add the **Cedar Chemical Company** site to the National Priority List section of Regulation No. 30. On January 4, 2012, the Governor of Arkansas requested that Cedar Chemical Corporation be placed on the National Priority List (NPL) using Arkansas's ability to designate one site to be placed on the federal NPL by request pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980. On March 15, 2012 EPA in turn published a Federal Register notice proposing the addition of Cedar Chemical Company to the NPL at 40 CFR 300. The NPL listing for Cedar Chemical was finalized on September 15, 2012, and was published in the *Federal Register* on September 18, 2012 (77 FR 57503). After the site's addition to the NPL, ADEQ will act as the supporting agency and will assist EPA in addressing contamination at the site.

2. State Priority List Sites

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

ADEQ proposed to delete five (5) 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.

A sixth site, Cedar Chemical Company, is to be removed from the State Priority List and transferred to the National Priority List section of Regulation No. 30.

The sites proposed for delisting are:

- (1) **Amity Lacquer, Paint, & Chemical Manufacturing Co.**, Amity, Clark County
- (2) **Cedar Chemical Company**, Helena-West Helena, Phillips County (*transferred to the National Priority List*)
- (3) **Hadco of Arkansas ONC**, Gillham, Sevier County
- (4) **Jimelco**, Little Rock, Pulaski County
- (5) **R&P Electroplating**, Fayetteville, Washington County
- (6) **Swift Chemical Company Farm Property**, Rogers, Benton County

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

None.