

ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Petition to
Initiate Rulemaking:
Regulation Number 31,
Nonattainment New Source
Review Requirements

Docket No. 06-____-R

MINUTE ORDER NO. 06-____

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On January 13, 2006, The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“Department”) filed a Petition to promulgate Regulation Number 31, Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements. The Petition has been designated as Docket No. 06-____-R.

The Commission’s Regulations Committee met on January 27, 2006, to review the Petition. Having considered the Petition, the Regulations Committee recommends the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to consider promulgating proposed Regulation Number 31 contingent upon the repeal of Chapter 12 of Regulation Number 19.

1. The Department shall file an original and two (2) copies and a computer disk in Word of all materials required under this Minute Order.

2. Persons submitting written public comments shall submit their written comments to the Department. Within ten (10) business days following the adoption or denial of the proposed rule, the Department shall deliver the originals of all comments to the Commission Secretary.

3. A public hearing shall be conducted on March 6, 2006 in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality’s Building D Training Room, located at 8001 National Drive in Little Rock, Arkansas.

4. Public Notice of the proposed rulemaking will be published beginning on or about February 1, 2006. The period for receiving all written comments shall conclude ten (10) business days after the date of the public hearing pursuant to Regulation No. 8, Part 3, Section 3.2.3., unless an extension of time is granted.

5. The Department shall file, not later than 14 days before the Commission meets to consider adoption of the proposed rule, a Statement of Basis and Purpose as required by Regulation No. 8, Part 3, Section 3.6.2(1), (2) and (3).

6. The Department shall file, not later than 14 days before the Commission meets to consider adoption of the proposed rule, a proposed Minute Order deciding this matter.

7. The Department shall seek review of the proposed rule from the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health and Welfare and from the Joint Interim Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

8. The Regulations Committee will consider this matter at its May 2006 meeting. Members of the Regulations Committee may ask questions of the Department and any person that made oral or written comments. The Regulations Committee will make a recommendation to the Commission.

9. At its regularly scheduled May 2006 meeting, the presentation of oral statements and legal arguments shall be regulated as follows:

a. The Chair of the Commission will permit members of the public to make a statement to the Commission. No more than three (3) minutes will be allowed for each statement. The period for statements will close at the end of one (1) hour, or sooner if all interested persons have completed their statements. The Chair, in his discretion, may extend the one (1) hour public comment period.

b. At the discretion of the Chair, an attorney representing one or more individuals, a corporation or other legal entity may be permitted five (5) minutes in which to address the Commission.

c. Department legal counsel or other designated Department employee will be permitted ten (10) minutes in which to address the Commission.

d. At the conclusion of all comments, the Chairman will call on each Commissioner for the purpose of asking the attorneys or persons sponsoring comments who are present, any questions they may have. Attorneys will not be permitted to respond or ask follow-up questions of any person questioned by a Commissioner.

e. After each Commissioner has had an opportunity to ask questions, the Chair will entertain a motion on the matter, allow discussions, and call for a vote of the Commission members.

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10. The Commission authorizes the Chair of the Regulations Committee, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, to revise the procedures and schedules set out above.

11. Executive Order 05-04 requires that the Commission determine whether a proposed rule affects small businesses. Based on the information contained in the Petition, the Commission finds proposed Regulation Number 31 is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 05-04.

12. The Commission accepts the recommendation of the Regulations Committee and initiates the rulemaking proceeding Docket No. 06-____-R effective January 27, 2006. The Commission adopts, without modification, the procedural schedule set forth above.

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_____ submitted by: Deborah Pitts PASSED: January 27, 2006
Chair