

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGE, PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) will hold a public hearing in North Little Rock on September 30, 2016, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 6 (Regulations for State Administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)). The North Little Rock hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

APC&EC will hold a second public hearing in Springdale on October 4, 2016, to receive comments on proposed revisions to APC&EC Regulation 6. The Springdale hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Jones Center for Families, 922 E. Emma Ave., Springdale, AR 72764.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the regulation is 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) October 19, 2016.

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a decision may be made to postpone the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.

APC&EC authority for revising Regulation 6 can be found in Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 8-6-207(b)(1), 8-4-202(a), and 8-1-203(b)(1)(A).

Proposed revisions to Regulation 6 include adoption of federal revisions to the NPDES program, including sufficiently sensitive test methods, cooling water intake structure requirements, steam electric power generating, and reporting requirements; incorporations of statutory changes passed by the Arkansas General Assembly, which amend the Trust Fund permitting requirements; several minor corrections to make the regulation more illustrative of the legislative and regulatory intent; and a variety of non-substantive and minor stylistic changes in the interest of clarity and consistency.

A complete listing of the proposed changes to Regulation 6 can be found on the Draft Regulations page of the ADEQ's website: www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs/draft_regs.aspx.

Copies of the proposed changes to Regulation 6 are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the ADEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, or at ADEQ information depositories located in public libraries at Arkadelphia, Batesville, Blytheville, Camden, Clinton, Crossett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Magnolia, Mena, Monticello, Mountain Home, Pocahontas, Russellville, Searcy, Stuttgart, Texarkana, and West Memphis; in campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas at Conway,

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearings, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) October 19, 2016. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Kelly Robinson, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic mail comments should be sent to: reg-comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

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