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Reissuance of Arkansas Construction General Stormwater Permit: Adjudicatory Hearing and Request for Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Review Filed

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Mr. Richard Howe ("Howe") filed a Request for Adjudicatory Hearing and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Review ("Petition") on January 29th. The Petition is stated to address General Permit No. ARR1500000.

ARR1500000 references the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality's reissuance of a General Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity.

In comments submitted addressing the proposed construction general permit, Mr. Howe lists his associated company as Earth Works Environmental LLC.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") authorize states (such as Arkansas) to issue various types of general stormwater permits for discharges associated with the movement of stormwater. A separate general permit is used for construction activities. It was developed to address stormwater discharges associated with construction activities involving clearing, excavating, and grading that disturbs land. Construction permits are utilized because of unique issues associated with temporary active construction operations that disturb soils.

Mr. Howe's comments on the proposed construction general permit addressed in general:

- Electronic records.
- Rain gauges.
- Timeframe to complete items.
- Inspection frequency.

A copy of the Petition can be found [here](#).