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Nutrient Trading Panel Meeting

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The state Nutrient Water Quality Trading Advisory Panel (NWQTAP) will hold a telephone conference starting at 1:30 p.m. December 14, 2017. The telephone conference will be moderated at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) Legal Conference Room located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR, 72118. Parties interested in listening to the conference call can do so by either attending in person at ADEQ or contacting Charles Moulton at the email address or telephone number below.

The purpose of the telephone conference is to vote to either recommend or not recommend a proposed nutrient trading regulation—the Panel's main legislative purpose.

The nine-member panel was created by Act 335 of 2015. Nutrient trading involves allowing one wastewater discharger to meet its permit discharge limits by negotiating with another discharger to lower the nutrient level in its discharge.

The act provides that the NWQTAP may advise the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission regarding development of nutrient water quality trading programs and regulations for such programs.

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