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**ADEQ’S MULTI-YEAR AIR INTEGRATED**

**REGULATION STREAMLINING EFFORT**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is seeking feedback on a pre-proposal draft regulation, prior to initiation with the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC), which would streamline Arkansas air quality regulations. This pre-proposal draft regulation is a product of ADEQ’s multi-year Air Integrated Regulation (AIR) Streamlining Project effort.

The pre-proposal draft regulation seeks to consolidate Regulation No. 18, Arkansas Air Pollution Control Code; Regulation No. 19, Regulations of the Arkansas Plan of Implementation for Air Pollution Control; Regulation No. 26, Regulations of the Arkansas Operating Air Permit Program; and Regulation No. 31, Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements, into a single regulation: Regulation No. 35, Arkansas Air Quality Regulation. The purpose of this regulatory streamlining project is to clarify Arkansas air pollution control requirements by simplifying the regulatory provisions, consolidating overlapping provisions, and revising or removing confusing language. The consolidation is expected to facilitate continued trends in achieving clean air by providing additional regulatory clarity to our stakeholders and facilities in order to foster compliance with air quality regulations. ADEQ anticipates the streamlined regulation to ultimately result in reduced costs both for the State and for the facilities covered under the consolidated regulation.

ADEQ will hold a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) at the ADEQ headquarters in North Little Rock to provide an overview and receive feedback on the pre-proposal draft regulation. Meeting logistics, the pre-proposal draft regulation, an index of changes, and a draft technical support document for the proposed repeal of Volatile Organic Compound regulations for Pulaski County can be found on ADEQ’s AIR Streamlining Project:

[https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/streamlining/default.aspx](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/SyiqC3198qcNrMPsQL7vL?domain=adeq.state.ar.us).

Feedback on the pre-proposal draft regulation and associated documents can be submitted electronically by emailing [AirPlanComments@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:AirPlanComments@adeq.state.ar.us). Feedback can also be submitted by mail addressed to Tricia Treece, Office of Air Quality, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Feedback on the pre-proposal draft is due by no later than August 20, 2018. The public and regulated community will also have the opportunity to comment on the record once APC&EC initiates rulemaking. ADEQ anticipates filing for initiation with APC&EC after the conclusion of the stakeholder process.

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