What is new with Solid Waste @ DEQ?

POLICY UPDATES
As allowed by the APC&EC Regulation No. 22.303, the following requirements must be met prior to the submittal of a permit application. If these requirements are not met, DEQ will return the permit application and the fee without a review:

- Applicants must attend a pre-application conference to discuss application requirements and the findings of the preliminary site investigation.
- Submittal of a Preliminary Geotechnical Report that meets the requirements of Chapter 11 of the APC&EC Regulation No. 22. Please consider that this Geotechnical Report must be reviewed and accepted by DEQ before submittal of the permit application.

Based on APC&EC No. 22.304(b), permit applications that have been deemed to be administratively incomplete by DEQ will be returned to the facilities with a notice of the determination. In addition, the application fee may not be refunded by DEQ. The application fee must be resubmitted each time the facility submits a permit application.

RECYCLE AND REDUCE COSTS
CREDIT FOR LANDFILLS
Contact John Sykes at 501-682-0599 for assistance.
If a landfill removes waste from the solid waste stream for recycling or beneficial reuse, a waste reduction credit may be allowed, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Weigh or measure all incoming waste (including potential recyclables). Materials can only be counted as waste reduction if it has first been counted as part of the incoming waste. This weight or volume is recorded in the Waste Disposal Quarterly Report Form.
2. Separate recyclables at the landfill reclamation station.
3. Weigh or measure all recyclable materials again as it leaves the facility. Before DEQ can approve a credit, recyclable materials must be removed from the landfill.
4. Maintain records showing types, descriptions, net weight or volume, and final destination of materials removed for marketing.
5. Waste reduction methodology must be a part of the approved Disposal Fee Plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS
These classes will be offered at the Legacy Landfill located at 238 County Rd. 476, Jonesboro, AR 72404. For additional information, please contact Angela Sparks at (870) 972-6353 or angela@ccswda.com.

- Nov. 4-7, 2019: Solid Waste Master Class
- Dec. 4, 2019: Solid Waste Update Class
- Dec. 5, 2019: Solid Waste Update Class

IMMEDIATE ACTION
Any landfill that places or disposes waste above permitted elevations, beyond the permitted landfill perimeter, or in excess of the permitted capacity of a unit/cell must immediately cease fill operations in the area containing excess fill. In addition, the facility must submit to DEQ an Overfill Management Plan within seven calendar days of learning of the excess fill. The facility must remove the excess fill, including waste, daily cover, or intermediate cover, to bring the area into compliance within thirty calendar days of learning of the overfill.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
Division of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Solid Waste team presents the Quarterly Newsletter to provide a brief exposition of news and updates that are important to you, our regulated community.

On July 1, 2019, when the Transformation and Efficiencies Act went into law, the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Geological Survey, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission became the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E). As a result, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality was amended to the Division of Environmental Quality under E&E.