The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality proposes this rulemaking before the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to incorporate statutory changes passed by the General Assembly that amend various provisions of the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-601 et seq., particularly Act 1333 of 2013 and Act 819 of 2011. This rulemaking establishes the Recycling Fund and eliminates future disbursements from the repealed Recycling Grants Program.

Further, the proposed rulemaking will clarify provisions concerning the management of Recycling Grant funds previously distributed. It will also clarify the Computer and Electronic Equipment Recycling Grants program. The remaining changes include minor stylistic revisions and formatting changes that will make the regulation consistent with the formatting guidelines of the Commission.