Regulation No. 15

Common Name: Arkansas Open-Cut Mining and Land Reclamation

1. **Strawman review** of draft regulations by key groups.

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   **Comments:** The amendment of Regulation No. 15 is necessary in order to make the regulation conform with statutory language affected by Act 609 of 2011 passed by the Arkansas General Assembly in 2011.

2. Proposed regulations presentation to Commission's **Regulations Committee** for approval to proceed to public comment period.

   **Date:** 2/14/12  
   **By:** James F. Stephens

   **Comments/Approval** _Approved_

3. **Legal notice** of proposed regulations and public hearing.

   **Publication**  
   **Dates of Publication**  
   Arkansas Democrat-Gazette  
   2/29/12 and 3/1/12

4. Provide **Legislative Council** with three copies of proposed regulations and the legislative questionnaire at least ten days prior to the first public hearing.

5. Hold **public hearing(s)** on the proposed regulations.

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6. **Date of final day of public comment period:** 4/15/12

7. **Final proposed regulation** and **response to comments** prepared by Department.

   **Date initiated:** 4/18/12  
   **Date completed:** 5/10/12

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Exhibit D
8. Formal presentation to the Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee of the Legislative Council.

   Date: 6/14/12       By:       Ryan Benefield and James F. Stephens

   Comments/Approval: Approval Received from Committee

9. Formal presentation of proposed final regulation to the Administrative Rules & Regulations Subcommittee of the Legislative Council (All Regs).

   Date: 8/21/12       By:       Teresa Marks and Ryan Benefield

   Comments/Approval: ____________________________

10. Presentation of proposed final regulation to Commission’s Regulations Committee.

   Date: 8/24/12       By:       James F. Stephens

   Comments/Approval: ____________________________

11. Provide Commission members with copy of proposed final regulation prior to Commission meeting.

   Date Delivered: 8/10/12

12. Present proposed final regulation to the Commission for adoption.

   Date: 8/24/12       By:       James F. Stephens

   Comments/Approval: ____________________________

13. Send two copies of adopted regulation to Secretary of State (regulation becomes effective ten days after filing).

   Date mailed: ____________

14. Formally submit adopted regulation to EPA.

   Date mailed: N/A

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