BEFORE THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO ) DOCKET NO. 20-___-R
REGULATION NO. 27: LICENSING OF )
OPERATORS OF SOLID WASTE )
MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND ILLEGAL) DUMPS CONTROL OFFICERS )

PETITION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING TO AMEND
REGULATION NO. 27: LICENSING OF OPERATORS OF SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND ILLEGAL DUMPS CONTROL OFFICERS

Comes now, the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality ("DEQ" or the "Division"), by and through its attorney, Daniel Pilkington, and for its Petition to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend Regulation No. 27: Licensing Of Operators Of Solid Waste Management Facilities And Illegal Dumps Control Officers, states:

1. DEQ proposes to initiate this rulemaking so that the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission can promulgate the necessary rules for DEQ to administer and implement the Environmental Compliance Resource Program, to repeal provisions associated with illegal dumps control officers, to create the licensing requirements of environmental officers, to incorporate statutory changes from Act 1067 of 2019 passed by the Arkansas General Assembly, to promulgate necessary forms to be used by environmental officers, and to change all references of "Regulation" to "Rule" in conformity with Arkansas law.

2. Michael Grappe and Michael McAlister from DEQ will be available to answer questions concerning this proposed rulemaking.

3. The following exhibits to this petition are hereby incorporated by reference:
a. Exhibit A: Mark-up version of the regulation showing the proposed changes

b. Exhibit B: Draft version of the regulation

c. Exhibit C: Governor Approval

d. Exhibit D: Copy of the Legislative Questionnaire

e. Exhibit E: Copy of a Financial Impact Statement and Impact to Small Business

f. Exhibit F: Copy of the Economic Impact/Environmental Benefit Analysis

g. Exhibit G: Proposed Minute Order

WHEREFORE, ADEQ requests that the Commission initiate the rulemaking process, adopt the proposed Minute Order, and adopt the proposed amendments to Regulation No. 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

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