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Administrative Rules Subcommittee Arkansas Legislative Council Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair Representative Les Eaves, Co-Chair c/o Jessica Whittaker Bureau of Legislative Research 1 Capitol Mall Fifth Floor Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Ark. Code Ann. §25-15-216(b)(4) Monthly Written Report

Senator Hammer and Representative Eaves:

As required by Arkansas Code Ann. §25-15-216(a), the Department of Energy and Environment acknowledges that Act 749 and Act 773 of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, require amendment of Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC & EC) Rule 27, "Licensing of Operators of Solid Waste Management Facilities and Training and Certification Requirements for Environmental Officers." APC & EC is the only entity within the Department with statutory revisions that require rule amendments. As required by Ark. Code Ann. §25-15-216(b)(4), as amended by Act 595 of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the following is our monthly report regarding the progress of this required rulemaking.

As of the date of this letter, the proposed rule and necessary approval documents are being circulated internally within the Department before sending them to the Governor for his review and approval. Department employees are also working to inform and educate stakeholders regarding the required rulemaking. After the approval of all appropriate Department employees and the Governor, we will initiate formal rulemaking proceedings before the APC&EC.

Sincerely,

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