Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

By: Representative Wardlaw

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-4-203, concerning permits generally from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality under the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(n)(1) When an application for the issuance of a new permit for a liquid animal waste system or a modification of an existing permit for a liquid animal waste system is filed, the department shall give notice of its proposed action in accordance with subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this section within one hundred twenty (120) days of receipt of the application.

(2)(A) At the conclusion of the public comment period, the department shall announce in writing within sixty (60) days its final decision regarding the permit application in accordance with subdivision (e)(2)(A).

(B) For a modification that the department considers to be minor in nature, the department shall make its final decision regarding the permit application within thirty (30) days after receipt of the application.
(3) An applicant may waive in writing to the department the timeliness requirement under subdivisions (n)(1) and (n)(2) of this section.

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