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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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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 93rd 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 93rd General Assembly, the following is our monthly report regarding the progress of this required rulemaking.

As of the date of this letter, staff attorneys for the Department have completed proposed APC&EC Rule 27 amendments and other documents required for the rule approval process before the Legislature and the APC&EC. The proposed rule and approval documents are currently 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 the Governor, we will initiate formal rulemaking proceedings before the APC & EC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky W. Keogh".

Becky W. Keogh
Cabinet Secretary