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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.

The Department initiated formal rulemaking to approve the amendments to Rule 27. A meeting for public comment was held on March 28, 2022, and the public comment period ended on April 11, 2022. There were no public comments in regard to these proposed rule amendments. The Division of Environmental Quality will ask the APC & EC to approve the amendments at the May 26, 2022, meeting. Department employees are also working to inform and educate stakeholders regarding the required rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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

Becky W. Keogh
Cabinet Secretary