



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT DISCHARGE PERMIT AND 208 PLAN PERMIT NUMBER AR0047554, AFIN 43-00065

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-203(e), the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Water Quality, gives the following notice:

The City of Ward Waste Water Treatment Plant operates a facility located as follows: AR Hwy 367 South, Ward, AR 72176 in Lonoke County. The facility is currently permitted to discharge treated municipal wastewater into an unnamed tributary, thence to Fourmile Creek, thence to Cypress Bayou, thence to Bayou Des Arc, thence to the White River in Segment 4D of the White River Basin. The permittee submitted an application on December 21, 2018, with all additional information received by February 19, 2019, for the renewal of NPDES Permit No. AR0047554. The application has been reviewed by the DEQ's Office of Water Quality and has received tentative approval subject to the terms of this notice.

The 208 Plan, developed by the DEQ under provisions of Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act, is a comprehensive program to work toward achieving federal water goals in Arkansas. The initial 208 Plan, adopted in 1979, provides for annual updates, but can be revised more often if necessary. The following updates are being made to the 208 Plan with this permit renewal:

1. Facility design flow was revised from 0.5 to 1.45 MGD.
2. Monthly average $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ limit is being updated from 5.2 to 2.2 mg/L during April.
3. Monthly average $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ limit is being updated from 5.0 to 2.2 mg/L during May - October.
4. Monthly average $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ limit is being updated from 10.0 to 5.0 mg/L during November - March.

Citizens wishing to examine or obtain copies of the permit application, the draft permitting decision, the Fact Sheet or the 208 Plan may do so at the DEQ headquarters located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317. To request a copy of one or more of the documents, please call (501) 682-0623. For those with Internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit as well as the publication date may be found on the DEQ's website at: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/permits/drafts_pn.aspx

Comments on the draft renewal will be accepted in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule No. 8.208. DEQ's contact person for submitting written comments on the draft permit or 208 Plan, or requesting a public hearing on the draft permit or the proposed changes to the 208 Plan, is Terry Liu, P.E. at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

The period for submitting comments on the draft permit or 208 Plan, and for requesting a public hearing shall begin on the date of publication of the public notice and end at 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) on the 30th day after the publication date. If the last day of the comment period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the public comment period shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Terry Liu, P.E. at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with (APC&EC) Rule Nos. 6.104(A)(5) [40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and 8.207 through 8.210 (Administrative Procedures). All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on DEQ's draft permitting decision must submit written comments to DEQ, along with their name and mailing address. A Public Hearing will be held when DEQ finds a significant degree of public interest. After the public comment period, DEQ will issue a final permitting decision. DEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by DEQ in accordance with the APC&EC Rule No. 8.