

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE START DATE: MAY 17, 2024
DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: JUNE 19, 2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) is considering proposed amendments to state air pollution control regulations. The proposed regulation amendments will be applicable statewide.

I. Notice of Public Hearing. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed amendments to the State of Mississippi’s “Air Emissions Operating Permit Regulations for the Purposes of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act,” 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 6. The public hearing will be held in Room 104A at MDEQ, 515 Amite Street in Jackson, MS., and also virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Participants must register at www.mdeq.ms.gov/AirChapter6-Registration or call Bryan Williams at 601-961-5799. A confirmation email with a Zoom link will be sent prior to the hearing.

II. Substance of the Proposed Actions: The proposed amendments to the State of Mississippi’s “Air Emissions Operating Permit Regulations for the Purposes of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act,” 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 6, incorporating recent Federal rulemakings for consistency with our state regulations plus miscellaneous changes for clarity and consistency. The proposed changes include the following:

- a. Revisions to Public Participation Provisions. For each permit subject to notice under the New Source Review (NSR) or Title V permit programs, these revisions remove the mandatory requirement to provide public notice of a draft permit through publication in a newspaper and, instead, allow for electronic notice of permitting actions sufficiently via the MDEQ website.
- b. Revisions to the Title V Petition Process. New language will broaden the entities MDEQ must transmit copies of petitions, responses, and other information to, and require how copies are saved.
- c. Defining Key Terms Pertaining to “Oil and Natural Gas Sources” in SIC major group 13. This will clarify the term “adjacent” when used in determining the Title V status of a facility.
- d. Removal of the Title V Emergency Affirmative Defense Provisions.
- e. Miscellaneous Changes to Nomenclature and Formatting to Add Clarity and Consistency

III. Manner by which the Public May Comment: Oral statements recorded during the hearing as well as written statements regarding this proposed action will be considered by the Commission. Written comments must be delivered via hand-mail by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, to the attention of Jaricus Whitlock at MDEQ, Air Division, P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 or emailed to jwhitlock@mdeq.ms.gov by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Comments should be restricted to the proposed changes mentioned above.

IV. Additional Information: Information relative to the proposed changes will be available for public review through Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the MDEQ office located at 515 E. Amite St., Jackson, MS by contacting the Public Records Officer at 601-961-5171 or by completing the online form available at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/about-mdeq/public-records-request/>. The information and this notice may also be found on the MDEQ website at www.MDEQ.gov/AIR. Any related questions may be directed to Jaricus Whitlock at 601-961-5303 or jwhitlock@mdeq.ms.gov.