MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE START DATE: MARCH 10, 2023

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: APRIL 12, 2023

1. **Notice of Public Hearing**: The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed Title V program fee for Sept. 1, 2023, through Aug. 31, 2024, to be established by Order of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission). The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 1:30 pm, in Room 104A at MDEQ, 515 Amite St. in Jackson, MS**.**
2. **Substance of the Proposed Actions**: The owner or operator of any source subject to Mississippi’s Title V program is required to pay MDEQ an annual fee. The Commission establishes a fee schedule, used to calculate source fees, each year that is sufficient to cover the cost of operating the Title V program. On Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, the Commission received recommendations from the Title V Advisory Council and authorized staff to proceed to notice of public hearing with a fee schedule based on the new fee system established last year through an amendment to 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt.2, Ch. 6. The schedule includes a proposed fee rate of $37 per ton of regulated air pollutants (with no individual pollutant emissions cap), a tiered maintenance fee based on the complexity of each permit, and a tiered minimum fee (if applicable).
3. **Manner by which the Public May Comment**: Written statements regarding this proposed action will also be considered by the Commission if delivered by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 12, 2022, to the attention of Laura James at MDEQ, Air Division, 515 E. Amite St., Jackson, MS 39201, mailed to PO Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 or emailed to ljames@mdeq.ms.gov. Comments should be restricted to the setting of the Title V program fee.
4. **Additional Information**: Information relative to the fee development process will be available for public review through Wednesday, April 12, 2022, at the Amite St. office, or may be obtained by contacting the Public Records Officer at 601-961-5171 or PO Box 2261, Jackson, MS, 39225. The information and this notice may also be found on the MDEQ website at www.mdeq.ms.gov/air. Any related questions may be directed to Laura James at 601-961-5675.