

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE START DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2023
DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: JANUARY 29, 2024

I. Notice of Public Hearing: The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will hold a virtual public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed amendments to the State air pollution control regulations. The virtual public hearing will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 12:00 PM (Noon) Central Time. Participation in the public hearing will be available online via the Zoom meeting application. To participate in the online hearing, interested persons will need to visit www.mdeq.ms.gov/air/ and click the registration link under “State Rulemakings” at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the hearing. Additional instructions for registration and participation will be posted on the aforementioned website.

II. Substance of the Proposed Actions: MDEQ is proposing to update the following Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality regulations: (1) “Permit Regulations for the Construction and/or Operation of Air Emissions Equipment,” 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 2 (“Chapter 2”) and (2) “Regulations for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality,” 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 5 (“Chapter 5”). The proposed amendments to Chapters 2 and 5 seek to incorporate changes to federal regulations, including (but not limited to) the “Source Determination for Certain Emission Units in the Oil and Natural Gas Sector” [81 FR 35622, June 3, 2016], “Revisions to Public Notice Provisions in Clean Air Act Permitting Programs” Final Rule [81 FR 71613, October 18, 2016], and the “Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR): Project Emissions Accounting” [85 FR 74890, November 24, 2020]. The technical support document for the rule amendments describes the proposed changes to Chapters 2 and 5 in more detail.

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 MDEQ. Written statements must be physically delivered by 5:00 PM on Monday, January 29, 2024, to the attention of Jaricus Whitlock at MDEQ, Office of Pollution Control, Air Division, P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 or emailed to jwhitlock@mdeq.ms.gov by 11:59 PM on Monday, January 29, 2024. The only matter under consideration are the amendments to Chapters 2 and 5 of the State’s air pollution control regulations, and comments should be restricted to this matter.

IV. Additional Information: A copy of the redline version and clean version of Chapters 2 and 5 as well as related supporting documentation will be available online for public review through Monday, January 29, 2024, at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/air/>. This information may also be reviewed 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/>. Questions regarding the proposed amendments may be directed to Jaricus Whitlock at 601-961-5303 or jwhitlock@mdeq.ms.gov.