

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE START DATE: DEC. 28, 2023
DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: JANUARY 29, 2024

I. 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 FY2025 (Sept. 1, 2024 through Aug. 31, 2025) to be established by Order of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (“Commission”). The public hearing will be held virtually on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 10:00 am, via Zoom. To register for this hearing, please go to www.mdeq.ms.gov/air/title-v-fees/title-v-registration/ or contact Bryan Williams at 601-961-5799 or bwilliams@mdeq.ms.gov.

II. 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 fee is calculated using a schedule recommended by the Title V Advisory Council and authorized by the Commission for the sole purpose of fully funding the Title V program. On December 13, 2023, the Commission received recommendations from the Title V Advisory Council and authorized MDEQ staff to proceed forward with issuing a notice of public hearing with a fee schedule based on the current fee system elements provided in 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt.2, Ch. 6. The schedule includes a proposed fee rate of \$32 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 emissions fee (if applicable).

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 Monday, January 29, 2024, to the attention of Laura James at MDEQ, Air Division, P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 or emailed to ljames@mdeq.ms.gov by 11:59 pm on Monday, January 29, 2024. Comments should be restricted to the setting of the Title V program fee.

IV. Additional Information: Information relative to the fee development process will be available for public review through Monday, January 29, 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.ms.gov/air/title-v-fees/. Any related questions may be directed to Laura James at 601-961-5675 or ljames@mdeq.ms.gov.