

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 22, 2024, the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) voted to amend (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 action is reflected in Commission Orders 7310-24 and 7311-24 respectively.

I. Substance of the aforementioned actions.

The amendments to Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 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 the Guideline on Air Quality Models: Enhancements to the AERMOD Dispersion Modeling System and Incorporation of Approaches to Address Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter” [82 FR 5182, January 17, 2017], “Revisions to Public Notice Provisions in Clean Air Act Permitting Programs” [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.

II. Manner by Which the Public May Comment.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order, any interested person may request that a hearing be conducted regarding the issuance of this Order. Such a request must be made either in writing to the attention of Mr. Chris Wells, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225 or emailed to cwells@mdeq.ms.gov.

III. Additional Information.

The information in this notice, the regulations, the technical support document, the Order reflecting the Commission’s action, and additional information may be found at the following website, www.mdeq.ms.gov/air. If you have any questions, you may also contact Mr. Jaricus Whitlock at (601) 961-5303 or jwhitlock@mdeq.ms.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.