

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE START DATE: JANUARY 22, 2026
DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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 "Regulations for the Accreditation and Certification of Asbestos Abatement Personnel," 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 10. The public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 1:30 pm. Participants must register at www.mdeq.ms.gov/AirChapter10-Registration or contact Bryan Williams at 601-961-5799 or bwilliams@mdeq.ms.gov. A confirmation email with a Zoom link will be sent prior to the hearing.

II. Substance of the Proposed Actions: Individuals that conduct asbestos abatement activities in the State of Mississippi that are regulated by the Asbestos NESHAP regulations are required to be certified by MDEQ. The Asbestos Abatement Accreditation and Certification Act was amended during the 2025 legislative session to closely align with the EPA regulations and to increase the ease of obtaining certification. The proposed amendments to the Mississippi's "Regulations for the Accreditation and Certification of Asbestos Abatement Personnel" are being revised to include the changes to the Act and align it with other MDEQ regulations.

III. Manner by which the Public May Comment: Oral statements recorded during the public hearing as well as written statements regarding this proposed action will be considered by the Commission. Written comments must be delivered either via hand-mail by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 23, 2026, to the attention of Dennis Kelly at MDEQ, Air Division, P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225 or via email to dkelly@mdeq.ms.gov by 11:59 pm on Monday, February 23, 2026. Comments should be restricted to the proposed changes mentioned above.

IV. Additional Information: Information relative to the development of the proposed agency regulation will be available for public review through Monday, February 23, 2026, 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/ under the "State Rulemakings" section. Any related questions may be directed to Dennis Kelly at 601-961-5630 or dkelly@mdeq.ms.gov.