NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) is considering the amendment of its "Wastewater Regulations for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits, Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permits, State Permits, Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations and Water Quality Certification," 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, Ch. 1. The Commission now seeks public comment on the proposed regulation amendments and announces a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments.

I. Notice of Public Hearing.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in MDEQ's Commission Hearing Room at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. The public is invited to attend and present verbal or written comments on the proposed regulations.

II. Substance of the Proposed Regulations.

The proposed regulations incorporate conditions found in the State Operating Dry Litter Poultry Animal Feeding Operation General Permit and conditions found in the State Operating individual permits for Animal Feeding Operations, eliminating the need for these General Permits and the requirement to obtain the associated permit coverages. The proposed regulations maintain the Permit Board's ability to require the owner/operator to obtain a permit and describe the circumstances under which that would be required. The proposed amendments are not applicable to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. The proposed amendments have no impact on stormwater construction or air permitting requirements.

The regulations currently include conditions applicable to aerial applicators and those conditions will remain in the regulations, but the proposed amendments remove the requirement for aerial applicators to obtain State Operating No Discharge permits.

The proposed regulation amendments clarify and condense the existing text of the regulations, strike text no longer pertinent to operations, and correct formatting, grammatical, and terminological consistency issues. The proposed amendments also add a couple of definitions.

III. Manner by which the Public May Comment.

The public may comment on these proposed amendments to the regulation by submitting such comments in writing to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Surface Water Division, Attention Becky Simonson, 515 E. Amite Street, Jackson, MS 39212. To be considered by the Commission, written comments must be delivered to MDEQ by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2026. Members of the public may also present verbal or written comments at the public hearing. A copy of the proposed amendments to the regulations may be reviewed on

MDEQ's website at www.mdeq.ms.gov or may be requested from Becky Simonson, by telephone at (601) 961-5580, or by e-mail at iwpc@mdeq.ms.gov.

IV. Additional Information.

For additional information, please contact Becky Simonson, Industrial Water Permitting Coordinator, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, at (601) 961-5580, or by e-mail at iwpc@mdeq.ms.gov.