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Comment Report: Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Septic Tank Cleaners

Date: October 4, 2019

Time: 9:00am

Location: Arkansas Department of Health—Dr. Joseph Bates Auditorium

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Little Rock, AR 72205

Comment #1 (Nuckles and Son Septic Service) –

Mr. and Mrs. Nuckles commented on grease traps. Their concern is the fact that it is against the law to haul it out of the waste district, but the waste district won't take it.

Response #1 –

ADH has reviewed your comment and would refer you to the Department of Environmental Quality. Waste districts and grease trap waste disposal are regulated through their rules. Mr. Bryan Leamons with their Office of Water Quality Permits Branch at 501-683-5406 should be able to answer any questions.

Comment #2 (Rodney Walker, Alrite Septic Tank Services) –

Mr. Walker commented on Section V, Subsection H. "Each pumper vehicle shall maintain and have on board a bound service record listing the operators name, the date and location of each septic tank, treatment plant, holding tank, marine sanitation device, portable toilet, or other sewage handling facility pumped, the vector and pathogen reduction method used, the date and location of disposal."

Mr. Walker commented that this section was burdensome due to the handwriting of receipts and manifests. He also noted that there is no time frame for how long records must be kept, and It does not allow for any electronic means of record keeping, from the vehicle itself or another location.

Response #2 –

ADH has reviewed your comment and we have allowed alternate methods including electronic means for accounting for waste removal and disposal. Mr. Sam Dunn, Senior Environmental Specialist, may be able to offer suggestions on electronic methods of compliance acceptable to the Department. We will retain your concern on record retention for the next update of this rule.