PUBLIC NOTICE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet filed proposed amendments to 416 KAR Chapter 1 administrative regulations with the Legislative Research Commission on December 22, 2023. The cabinet will conduct a public hearing on March 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (EST). This hearing will be held to receive comments on the following proposed administrative regulations:

416 KAR 1:001. Definitions for 416 KAR Chapter 1.

416 KAR 1:010. Administration of Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share Fund.

416 KAR 1:020. Equipment Revolving Loan Program.

These changes were necessary to comply with amendments to KRS Chapter 262 due to the passage of HB-130 during the 2023 Legislative Session. This regulatory package includes one amended administrative regulation and two new administrative regulations, and relates to the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share and Equipment Revolving Loan Programs. The proposed administrative regulations can be accessed below this notice, and the public comment period will be open through March 31, 2024. Comments should be submitted in writing to the contact person by either mail or email. This hearing is open to the public and all interested persons will be given the opportunity to present testimony. To assure that all comments are accurately recorded, the cabinet requests that oral comments presented at the hearing are also provided in written form, if possible. It is not necessary that the hearing be held or attended in order for persons to comment on the proposed administrative regulations. If no request for a public hearing is received within five (5) workdays prior to the scheduled hearing, the hearing may be cancelled, and notice of the cancellation will be posted at https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Pages/DNR-Public-Notices.aspx. You must either email your name and mailing address to Dawn.Baase@ky.gov or mail this information to Dawn Baase, Department for Natural Resources, Office of the Commissioner, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Please include "416 KAR Chapter 1" in the subject line, and state in the body of the message if you intend to speak during the hearing.

The hearing will be held in person at the Energy and Environment Cabinet at 300 Sower Blvd Frankfort, KY 40601.

The full text of the proposed administrative regulations is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., local time) at the Department for Natural Resources, Office of the Commissioner, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY. Any individual requiring copies may submit a request to the Department for Natural Resources, Office of the Commissioner, in writing, by telephone, by FAX, or email. Requests for copies should be directed to the contact person. The proposed administrative regulation amendments may be accessed at https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/416/ or at the Department for Natural Resources Web site at https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Pages/DNR-Public-Notices.aspx.

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