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Deadline Extended for Public Comments On LRAPA Permitting Process Streamlining

The deadline for public comment on proposed streamlining changes to LRAPA's permitting process has been extended. To allow for more public input, the comment period has been extended to 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2008. Originally, the comment period was scheduled to close on September 2, 2008.

This rulemaking proposes to streamline and update the air quality permitting process by clarifying requirements, eliminating duplicative and conflicting standards, keeping rules in line with federal requirements, and correcting errors. If adopted, the proposed revisions would simplify, and better align rules with the Federal Clean Air Act while maintaining or increasing environmental protection and stringency.

"The proposed streamlining changes are fairly extensive. The comment period has been extended to give citizens more time to study the proposed changes and formulate questions or concerns," explained Sally Markos, LRAPA. A summary of the proposed changes can be found on the LRAPA website: www.lrapa.org/permitting/rulemaking.

The first of two public hearings on the proposed rules changes was held August 26, 2008. Citizens will have another opportunity to comment on the rules at a second public hearing scheduled on September 9, 2008 during the LRAPA Board of Director's meeting. The meeting starts at 12:15 at the LRAPA office, 1010 Main Street, in Springfield.

Comments can be submitted via e-mail to lrapa@lrapa.org or mailed to:

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