

**ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL  
and ECOLOGY COMMISSION**

**RULE NO. 33  
MOTOR VEHICLE RACING FACILITY RULES**



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## **CHAPTER 1: TITLE, INTENT AND PURPOSE**

### **Rule 33.101 Title**

The following rules, adopted by authority of and in accordance with the provisions of A.C.A. Sections 8-1-203, 8-10-303(a)(3)(E), and 8-10-304(b)(6) shall be known as the “Motor Vehicle Racing Facility Rules,” hereinafter referred to as Rule Number 33.

### **Rule 33.102 Purpose**

The purpose of this rule is to implement the provisions of A.C.A. Sections 8-10-302, 8-10-303, and 8-10-304.

### **Rule 33.103 Applicability**

This rule shall apply to all motor vehicle racing facilities constructed on or after January 1, 1995. All permits previously issued to motor vehicle racing facilities shall remain in effect for the full period of time for which they were issued. Subsequent applications for permit renewal shall comply with the requirements of this rule.

### **Rule 33.104 Severability**

If any provision of this rule, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this rule, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

## CHAPTER 2: DEFINITIONS

All words, terms, and phrases used in this rule, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have their usual meaning. In addition, for purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

**“Annual permit”** means the permit issued to a motor vehicle racing facility on an annual basis after the issuance of the initial permit.

**“Automobiles or trucks modified for racing”** means any vehicle designed to be operated with at least four wheels in contact with the ground and a gross dry weight, excluding the driver, of more than one thousand (1,000) pounds which is used in competitive racing or public racing demonstrations at a motor vehicle racing facility in Arkansas.

**“Begin construction”** means the initiation of physical on-site construction activities on a motor vehicle racing facility which are of a permanent nature.

**“Commission”** means the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.

**“Competitive racing of automobiles or trucks that are modified for racing”** means any event in which it is possible to compare the performance of the participants, even if such comparison is not actually done; or any event designed as an exhibition of driving skill.

**“Constructed”** means the completion of physical on-site activities so that a motor vehicle racing facility is capable of hosting competitive racing events.

**“Division”** means the Division of Environmental Quality, or its successor. When reference is made in this rule to actions taken by or with reference to the Division, the reference is to the staff of the Division acting at the direction of the Director.

**“Designed and used for competitive racing”** means any motor vehicle racing facility capable of hosting competitive racing.

**“Initial annual permit”** means the first permit issued to a motor vehicle racing facility.

**“Material change” or “Materially different”** means the addition of a new racing venue or other substantial and significant modification to the way the facility is operated.

**“Motor vehicle racing facility”** means any outdoor facility used for competitive racing by automobiles or trucks that are modified for racing.

## CHAPTER 3: PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

### Rule 33.301 Initial Annual Permit Pre-Application Requirements

- (A) The party seeking the motor vehicle racing facility initial annual permit must obtain consent and signatures on a petition that approves the construction of the motor vehicle racing facility. At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the property owners and seventy-five percent (75%) of the registered voters who own property or live within three (3) miles of the outside boundary of the proposed motor vehicle racing facility must consent and sign the petition. For proposed facilities located within three (3) miles of more than one county, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the property owners and seventy-five percent (75%) of the registered voters within three (3) miles of the outside boundary of the proposed motor vehicle racing facility in each county must consent and sign the petition. The petitions shall include:
- (1) A written description of the proposed motor vehicle racing facility including:
    - (a) The motor vehicle racing facility address or legal description of the property;
    - (b) A description of the types of motor vehicles proposed for racing at the motor vehicle racing facility;
    - (c) The maximum projected noise level of the racing vehicles;
    - (d) A description of the kinds of races and the types of buildings, stands, or other physical plant proposed for the motor vehicle racing facility; and
    - (e) Estimates of traffic counts and numbers of spectators.
  - (2) The registered voter's or consenting property owner's name and signature;
  - (3) The registered voter's or consenting property owner's residence address or the legal description of the property located within the three (3) mile area; and
  - (4) The date of the registered voter's or consenting property owner's signature. Signatures become invalid sixty (60) days after signing.
- (B) The party seeking the motor vehicle racing facility permit shall file the petition.
- (1) For proposed facilities located within the boundaries of any city or town, the party shall file the petition with the city clerk.
  - (2) For proposed facilities located wholly or partially outside the boundaries of any city or town, the party shall file the petition with the county clerk.

- (3) For proposed facilities located within three (3) miles of more than one county, the party shall file the petition with the county clerk for each county.
- (C) The city or county clerk, as the case may be, shall verify the petition pursuant to A.C.A. Section 7-9-109.
  - (1) The clerk shall determine the sufficiency of the signatures and certify the sufficiency or insufficiency of the signatures in writing to the Division.
  - (2) The clerk's decision is not subject to review by the Division or the Commission.
  - (3) The city or county clerk's certification shall be valid for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance.
- (D) Rule 33.301(A) – (C) do not apply to any motor vehicle racing facilities located in a county having a population between eighty thousand (80,000) and ninety thousand (90,000) according to the 1990 Federal Decennial Census and that are:
  - (1) South of a navigable waterway that traverses the state; or
  - (2) More than two (2) miles from an interstate highway, public or private school, or church facility in place at the time of the original permit application.
- (E) No motor vehicle racing facility shall be permitted or constructed within one (1) mile of the boundary of another county if the proposed motor vehicle racing facility will be located in a county having a population between eighty thousand (80,000) and ninety thousand (90,000) according to the 1990 Federal Decennial Census and that are:
  - (1) South of a navigable waterway that traverses the state; or
  - (2) More than two (2) miles from an interstate highway, public or private school, or church facility in place at the time of the original permit application.

**Rule 33.302 Initial Annual Permit Application Requirements**

- (A) All motor vehicle racing facilities constructed after January 1, 1995, shall obtain a permit in accordance with this rule.
- (B) Except as provided in Rule 33.301(D), all initial annual permit applications for a motor vehicle racing facility shall meet the requirements of Rule 33.301(A) – (C). The party must provide the clerk's certification of the signatures on the petition with the motor vehicle racing facility permit application.
- (C) Applications shall include a written proposal for the motor vehicle racing facility containing the substance of the proposed motor vehicle racing facility, including:

- (1) A description of the types of motor vehicles proposed for racing at the motor vehicle racing facility;
  - (2) The maximum projected noise level of the racing vehicles;
  - (3) A description of the kinds of races and the types of buildings, stands, parking areas, or other physical plant proposed for the motor vehicle racing facility;
  - (4) Estimates of traffic counts and numbers of spectators;
  - (5) A traffic control plan;
  - (6) A copy of the city or county clerk's certification of the signatures on the petition as required by Rule 33.301(C);
  - (7) A sample copy of the petition;
  - (8) A disclosure statement in accordance with Rule Number 8; and
  - (9) Any other relevant permit information as may be determined necessary for the permit application by the Division.
- (D) All permit applications for a motor vehicle racing facility shall be on such forms and contain such information as the Division may reasonably require.
- (E) If, while processing an application that has been determined to be complete, the Division determines that additional information is necessary to evaluate or take final action on that application, the Division may request such information in writing and set a reasonable deadline for a response.
- (F) Any applicant who fails to submit any relevant facts or who has submitted incorrect information, shall, upon becoming aware of such failure or incorrect submittal, promptly submit such supplementary facts or corrected information. In addition, an applicant shall provide additional information as necessary to address any relevant requirements that become applicable before final action is taken on its application.

### **Rule 33.303 Public Participation**

- (A) For the initial annual permit application, the Division shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed motor vehicle racing facility. The Division shall set a date for the public hearing to be held on the proposed motor vehicle racing facility annual initial permit decision which shall not be less than thirty (30) days after the filing of the initial annual permit application. The hearing may be adjourned and continued if necessary. Any interested persons may appear and contest the granting of the approval or renewal of the motor vehicle racing facility permit. Affidavits in support of or against the proposed motor vehicle racing facility or a permit renewal, which may be prepared and submitted, shall be examined by the Division.

- (B) Public notice of an initial permit application and notice of public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the motor vehicle racing facility is proposed to be located. The Division shall provide or approve the format of the notice. The notice shall include:
- (1) The motor vehicle racing facility name and business address or legal description of the property;
  - (2) The type of permit for which the application has been made;
  - (3) The date the application was deemed administratively complete;
  - (4) Notice of the Division's proposed decision;
  - (5) The date, time and place of the public hearing; and
  - (6) A statement that oral public comments will be accepted at the public hearing. To ensure comments are accurately recorded, the Division prefers written comments. The period for written public comments shall extend from the date of the public notice to the date of the public hearing. Comments must be received by the close of the public hearing.
- (C) Those sections of Rule Number 8 dealing with Public Notice of Permit Application (Rule 8.205), Request for Public Hearing on Application for Permit (Rule 8.206), Public Notice of Draft Permitting Decision (Rule 8.207), Public Comment on Draft Permitting Decision (Rule 8.208), Public Hearings (Rule 8.209), Public Meetings (Rule 8.210), and the second paragraph under "Director's Decision," Final Permitting Decision (Rule 8.211(A)(2)) do not apply to initial annual permits issued under this section.

**Rule 33.304 Final Action on Permit**

- (A) After the hearing for the initial permit or upon application for the renewal of its annual permit, if the Division shall be satisfied that the benefits of the motor vehicle racing facility are sustained by proof and outweigh its impact by the noise, air pollution, and traffic congestion caused by motor vehicle racing facilities, then the Division shall grant the initial permit approving the proposed motor vehicle racing facility or shall renew approval to the permitted or existing motor vehicle racing facility.
- (B) The Division may impose special conditions upon the issuance of the permit.
- (C) The Division shall notify in writing the owner/operator and any person that submitted public comments on the record of its final permitting decision.
- (D) The Division's final decision shall include a response to each issue raised, if any, during the public comment period.
- (E) No permit shall be issued unless the applicant has paid all fees assessed.



(F) The Director's final permit decision is subject to review pursuant to Rule Number 8.

**Rule 33.305 Transfer of Permits**

(A) Permits issued under this rule shall remain freely transferable provided:

- (1) The applicant for the transfer notifies the Director at least thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed transfer date on such forms as the Director may reasonably require, and
- (2) Submits a disclosure statement or other such documents as required.

(B) The Director may deny the issuance or transfer of any permit, license, certification, or operational authority if he or she finds, based upon the disclosure statement and other investigation which he or she deems appropriate, that:

- (1) The applicant has a history of noncompliance with the environmental laws or rules of this state or any other jurisdiction;
- (2) An applicant which owns or operates other facilities in the state is not in substantial compliance with, or on a legally enforceable schedule that will result in compliance with, the environmental laws or rules of this state; or
- (3) A person with a history of noncompliance with environmental laws or rules of this state or any other jurisdiction is affiliated with the applicant to the extent of being capable of significantly influencing the practices or operations of the applicant which could have an impact upon the environment.

(C) Public notice requirements shall not apply to changes in ownership.

**Rule 33.306 Permit Renewals**

(A) Applications for an annual permit shall contain a description of any changes to the motor vehicle racing facility since the last permit issuance or a statement that no changes have occurred.

- (1) In the event there have been no changes to the motor vehicle racing facility the Division may issue the annual permit without notice to the public.
- (2) If any material changes are made to the motor vehicle racing facility:
  - (a) The permit shall be amended accordingly;
  - (b) The Division shall provide notice to the public in accordance with the procedures contained in Rule Number 8, "Public Notice of Draft Permitting Decision (Rule 8.207);" and
  - (c) The Division may reconsider the approval of the permit.

- (3) Renewal of an annual permit may also be denied if:
  - (a) The racing facility is determined to be in violation of any standards under which the permit was issued;
  - (b) The racing facility is constructed or is being operated in a manner that is materially different than was represented during the petition process; or
  - (c) Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement of facts was used to obtain signatures for the petition process.
- (B) The requirements of Rule 33.302(C)(8)&(9), (D), (E), and (F) shall apply to permit renewals.
- (C) In its discretion, the Division may hold public hearings for the renewal of any permits as is necessary.

**Rule 33.307 Permit Fees**

- (A) Each initial annual permit shall be subject to a fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (B) Each annual permit shall be subject to a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (C) The requirements of Chapter 3 of Rule Number 9 shall apply to fees collected under this rule.

## **CHAPTER 4: EFFECTIVE DATE**

### **Rule 33.401      Effective Date**

This rule is effective ten (10) days after filing with the Secretary of State, the State Library, and the Bureau of Legislative Research.

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Rule above is proposed and will be replaced by final version

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I hereby certify that the attached rules were adopted in compliance with Act 434 of 1967 as amended.

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COMMISSION RULE AMENDMENTS INDEX

The following rules of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission have been amended following the expedited procedure of Act 704 of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly:

- a. Rule 1, "Prevention of Pollution by Oil Filed Waste";
- b. Rule 3, "Licensing of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators";
- c. Rule 4, "Rule to Require a Disposal Permit for Real Estate Subdivisions in Proximity to Lakes and Streams";
- d. Rule 7, "Civil Penalties";
- e. Rule 9, "Fee Rule";
- f. Rule 11, "Rules for Solid Waste Disposal Fees; Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund; Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund Distribution; and Recycling Grant Programs";
- g. Rule 12, "Storage Tanks";
- h. Rule 15, "Arkansas Open-Cut Mining and Land Reclamation";
- i. Rule 17, "Arkansas Underground Injection Control Code";
- j. Rule 18, "Arkansas Air Pollution Control Code";
- k. Rule 20, "The Arkansas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Code";
- l. Rule 21, "Arkansas Asbestos Abatement Rule";
- m. Rule 22, "Solid Waste Management Rules";

- n. Rule 26, “Rules of the Arkansas Operating Air Permit Program”;
- o. Rule 28, “Rule of the State of Arkansas for County Recycling Programs”;
- p. Rule 29, “Arkansas Brownfield Redevelopment”;
- q. Rule 30, “Arkansas Remedial Action Trust Fund Hazardous Substances Site Priority List”;
- r. Rule 31, “Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements”;
- s. Rule 32, “Environmental Professional Certification”;
- t. Rule 33, “Motor Vehicle Racing Facility Rules”;
- u. Rule 34, “State Water Permit Rule”; and
- v. Rule 36, “Tire Accountability Program”.

**ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL  
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT: Approval  
of Amendments to APC &  
EC Rules**

**Docket No. 21-003-MISC**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 21- 18**

Pursuant to Act 704 of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission hereby grants and approves the Division of Environmental Quality's Motion to Approve Rule Amendments, and approves the amendments to rules which are specifically set forth and contained in the mark-up drafts of rules provided to the Commission with the above-referenced motion; that further, the Commission orders that the existing effective date of each rule shall remain the same and that no substantive changes to these rules are promulgated or intended by these amendments.

**THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021, BY ORDER OF THE ARKANSAS  
POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION.**

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