

Cullowhee Chosen As Site Of WNC Public Hearing On Oil And Gas Development Rules

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Western North Carolina residents will soon have the opportunity to express their views on state plans for regulating oil and gas development in North Carolina.

A public hearing is scheduled in Cullowhee for Sept. 12 at the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center. People wishing to speak during the hearing are asked to register starting at 4 p.m. The hearing begins at 5 p.m. and will be recorded.

Public hearings are also planned for Aug. 20 in Raleigh, Aug. 22 in Sanford and Aug. 25 in Reidsville.

Written comments from the public will be accepted at all four public hearings and may also be submitted until Sept. 15 with the exception of one rule.

Rule 15A NCAC 05H .2103, "Timing and Notice of Reclamation," was omitted by mistake when the state Office of Administrative Hearings first published the proposed rules in the N.C. Register on July 15. Due to this omission, the public comment period for this rule only will be extended until Sept. 30.

Hard copy written comments should be sent to:

DENR-Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

Attn: Oil and Gas Program

1612 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1612

Written comments may also be submitted electronically through the state Division of Energy,

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Mineral and Land Resources' website at:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mining-and-energy-commission/public-comment-meetings>.

The complete text of the proposed rules and proposed revisions to existing rules is available online at:

http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=812822fd-9e97-4359-8935-4f07e713f0b1&groupId=8198095.