



Becky W. Keogh, Director
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Becky Keogh has served as the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) since 2015. She has been engaged in a unique range of technical and managerial roles across government, private industry, and environmental consulting throughout her career. Director Keogh previously held positions as a Vice President and Senior Consultant for an international environmental and engineering firm. She served as Deputy Director of ADEQ from 1996–2006. She was subsequently appointed to serve on the Arkansas Geological Commission from 2006–2009. Immediately prior to her appointment by Governor Asa Hutchinson as ADEQ Director, she was employed in an environmental and regulatory management role for an international resources corporation.

Director Keogh has been an active member and alumni member of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) since 1997. A well-respected leader among her counterparts in other states, she was elected by her peers as one of only four officers for ECOS. Additionally, as Director, she testified on behalf of the rights of states before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in 2016—specifically noting the atmosphere of coercive federalism at the time between states and the EPA.

An Arkansas native, Director Keogh has a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Arkansas. She is married, has three children, and has four grandchildren.

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**To lead in protecting the quality of air, water, and land resources,
and to support environmentally responsible economic growth.**