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Arkansas Environmental Personnel Moves: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Technical Branch Manager Daniel Clanton (Petroleum Tanks Program – Office of Land Resources) Retiring

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Mr. Daniel Clanton of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”) will be retiring at the end of this month.

Daniel is the Technical Branch Manager of the Petroleum Tanks Program (“PTP”) in the Office of Land Resources.

The underground storage tank (“UST”) regulated community is probably most familiar with Daniel from his role for many years in the PTP’s predecessor – the ADEQ Regulated Storage Tank Division. The Regulated Storage Tank Division became part of the Office of Land Resources in ADEQ’s reorganization. Regardless of his presence in PTP or the Regulated Storage Tank Division, Daniel has been a key player in an important program that addresses the investigation and/or remediation of petroleum UST releases.

The complexity of addressing such releases (especially earlier in the program) was arguably heightened by the large number of USTs and the fact that many of them were operated by small businesses. I believe that the regulated community (including the environmental consultants) have appreciated Daniel’s efforts in undertaking such large responsibilities. While technical opinions on a particular project or issue may have varied over the years, I have always understood Daniel to be both willing to listen and accessible.

My experience working with Daniel even predates his tenure in the Regulated Storage Tank Division. He was previously Branch Manager and Supervisor in ADEQ’s Hazardous Waste Division for eleven-and-a-half years. Anyone who has had any experience with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Subtitle C TSD facility technical/corrective action issues understands that this area was especially complex as the program was being initially implemented.

Daniel has also been a state point-of-contact for the Interstate Technical and Regulatory Council and a member of several of that organization’s teams. He has been associated with the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials since 1994 and received a National Corrective Action award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 2003.

Daniel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in 1972. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Arkansas.

I know that both Daniel's colleagues and the regulated community will miss his work at the agency.