

State of the Air/2018: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Office of Air Quality Report



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The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Office of Air Quality (“OAQ”) issued a report titled: *State of the Air – 2018 (“Report”)*

The *Report* provides focuses on:

- Air Quality in Arkansas
- OAQ Program Activities/Achievements During Fiscal Year 2018

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality OAQ Associate Director Stuart Spencer notes by way of achievements:

- Reduction of time necessary for OAQ to issue timely permits
- With the corollary referenced benefits as:
 - Protection of the public from pollution-related health risks
 - Protection of the environment from degradation
 - Protection of the air permittee from uncertainty
 - Reduction of permit challenges and appeals
- Assertion of the agency’s “proper role” with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) in a cooperative federal relationship
- EPA approval of a number of Arkansas submissions/plans

The *Report* is organized by OAQ program or branch. As a result, it provides an overview of the OAQ including personnel and their responsibilities. The *Report* then addresses the various individual components of the OAQ which include:

- Permits Branch
- Compliance Branch
- Asbestos Program
- Enforcement
- Policy and Planning Branch

A number of statistics are provided, along with appendices which include:

- National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- Arkansas Air Quality Monitoring
- Emissions Inventory Trends
- 2018 Ozone Season Summary

- Office of Air Quality Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Lean Events

Metrics are provided where appropriate for activities such as permitting, inspections, complaints, licenses and certifications, etc.

A copy of the *Report* can be found [here](#).