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The Environmental Council of the States: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Director Becky Keogh Selected as Secretary-Treasurer

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The Environmental Council of the States (“ECOS”) announced that Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”) Director Becky Keogh has been selected as Secretary-Treasurer of the national organization.

I would assume this places her in the line of succession to eventually serve as President of the organization.

ECOS describes itself as the national non-profit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders. Its purpose is stated to be to improve the capability of state environmental agencies and their leaders to protect and improve human health and the environment in the United States.

ECOS states as its belief that:

...state government agencies are the keys to delivering environmental protection afforded by both federal and state law. Further, we believe that ECOS plays a critical role in facilitating a quality relationship between federal and state agencies in the fulfillment of that mission.

Ms. Keogh has served as Director of ADEQ since February 2015. Her prior experience includes:

- ADEQ Deputy Director
- Regulatory Environmental Manager – BHP-Billiton
- Vice President/Senior Project Manager for CH2M HILL

She received a Chemical Engineering Degree from the University of Arkansas.

The ADEQ Director that preceded Ms. Keogh, Teresa Marks, served as President of ECOS a few years ago. Ms. Marks was a winner in 2015 of the ECOS Founders Award which recognizes former members who provided outstanding service to the organization while a member.

[A copy of the ECOS news release can be downloaded here.](#)