

BECKY W. KEOGH
Secretary, Department of Energy and Environment



Becky W. Keogh has served as the director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) since 2015. Throughout her career, she has been engaged in a unique range of technical, managerial, and consulting roles across government and private industry. 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. Before her appointment by Governor Asa Hutchinson as director of ADEQ, she was employed in an environmental and regulatory management role for an international energy corporation.

Keogh has been an active member and alumni member of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) since 1997. She was elected by her peers to serve as the 2018–2019 President of ECOS.

As director, she has testified before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, the House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety. At those committees, Keogh testified about the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s relationship with the states—specifically noting the atmosphere of coercive federalism in 2016 and remarking on the evolution and improvement of the relationship in 2019.

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

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