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Air Pollution Control Grant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announces \$409,936 Awarded to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") announced in a June 26th news release that it was awarding \$409,936 to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") for the state's air pollution reduction program.

EPA states that the grant will support attainment and maintenance of National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS") in the state.

The NAAQS are established for criteria air pollutants that have been identified pursuant of Section 108 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"). Section 109 of the CAA requires that once such air pollutants are identified EPA sets national ambient standards to a level that will protect public health. The states are then required pursuant to Section 110 of the CAA to craft State Implementation Plans which will ensure the attainment or maintenance of these NAAQS.

The news release quotes ADEQ Director Becky Keogh as stating:

Today we are pleased to accept an EPA grant to drive further innovative, cost-effective solutions and continuous improvement in Arkansas's air, which is critical for healthy communities and economic progress. Through cooperative efforts, Arkansas's state of air quality is one of the best in the nation – achieving all national air quality standards. Our progress is most effectively achieved through actions and support from local, state, and federal partners. . .

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