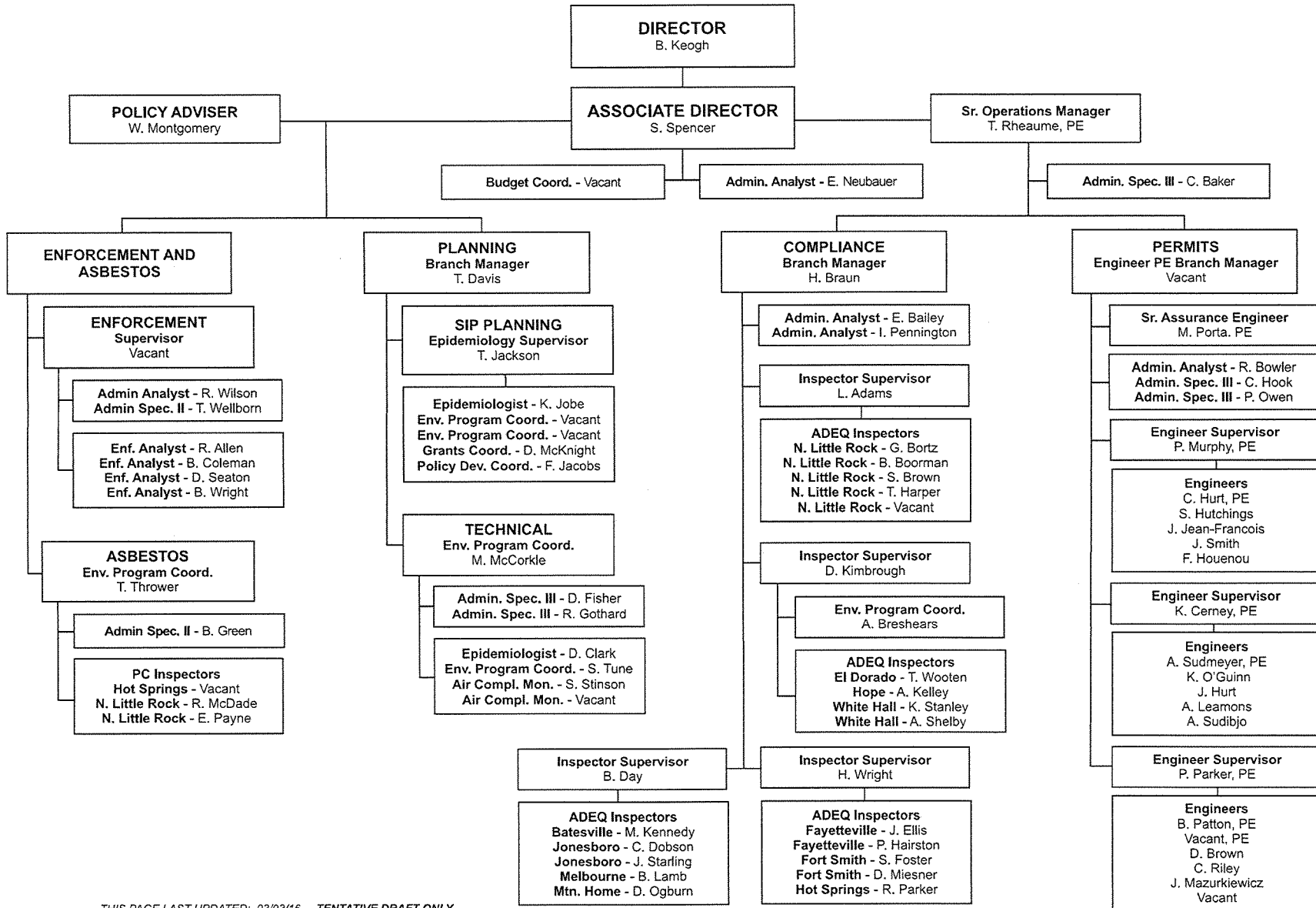


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The Office of Air Quality Personnel Chart





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Office of Air Quality Reorganization Announcement

As part of ADEQ's department-wide reorganization, the Office of Air Quality (OAQ) is making changes and additions to its leadership team that will enhance our ability to carry out our primary mission of protecting and improving air quality in Arkansas while fostering responsible economic expansion opportunities. The OAQ will continue to be comprised of three major programs: Compliance, Permits, and Planning. Support programs, such as the Enforcement and Asbestos sections, will continue to play a vital role as well. At every opportunity, the OAQ will implement measures that improve efficiency, enhance productivity, and reduce redundancies. A primary goal of the reorganization is to increase communication and cooperation between the branches and sections within the Office of Air Quality in order to implement our programs in a consistent and uniform manner. We have an outstanding team in place and it is my pleasure to announce the following organizational changes which will be effective immediately.

Tom Rheame has accepted the position of the Senior Operations Manager for the OAQ. In this role, he will focus primarily on implementing measures that promote consistency, innovation and certainty in the Compliance and Permits branches. Tom has worked on environmental issues for over thirty years in both the public and private sector, with a focus on air-pollution issues. He is a registered Professional Engineer with experience in the design of air-pollution control systems. Tom has been employed with ADEQ since 1998, serving first as an Engineering Supervisor and then in his most recent capacity of Permits Branch Manager since 2001. During his time with the Department, he has overseen the permitting of major projects throughout the state in a timely manner, including the Big River Steel mill, the Turk plant and the El Dorado Chemical plant. Tom holds a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts.

Over the past year and a half, the OAQ's Permits Branch has implemented measures that have improved communications with the regulated community, tightened permit issuance timeframes, and ultimately produced good permits. In his new role, Tom will be the lead technical staff member within the OAQ, as well as a liaison to the regulated community in regard to high-importance issues of plant and facility design (both initial and modifications) and state and federal permitting requirements.

Will Montgomery has joined the OAQ as our Policy Adviser. In that capacity, he will take a deep dive into the major issues being thrust upon the states by EPA, including the Clean Power Plan, Regional Haze, CSAPR, etc., and help shape policies that make sense for Arkansas. Will is a graduate of Rhodes College and the University of the Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law. He has been with the Department since 2014, previously working as an attorney in the legal division. In his role as Policy Adviser, Will will work exclusively for the OAQ, providing research and legal opinions on policy issues related to Arkansas's response to proposed, and often controversial, federal air rules and regulations, many of which are currently being litigated. His counsel will be critical in advising the Office of Air Quality on each nuance of federal proposals, and the most appropriate path for Arkansas to take in response to them.

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Tony Davis will continue to lead the Planning branch of the Office of Air Quality until his announced retirement in the Spring of this year. Heinz Braun will continue to lead the Compliance branch of the Office of Air Quality. Both Tony and Heinz have been and will continue to be great assets to our team in their leadership roles. The Permits Branch Manager position will soon be advertised and the person who takes on that role will be integral to our team. Additionally, the Enforcement Supervisor position will be filled shortly and will provide permanent leadership to that group. Torrence Thrower will continue to lead the Asbestos group, aptly applying his vast and expansive knowledge of that program, as we move forward.