

**Breakout Session:**  
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# Change is in the Air!

- As part of ADEQ's department-wide reorganization, the Office of Air Quality (OAQ) has made changes and additions to its leadership team with the goal of enhancing its ability to carry out its primary mission of protecting and improving air quality in Arkansas while at the same time fostering responsible economic expansion opportunities.
- A primary goal of the reorganization was to increase communication and cooperation between the branches and sections within the OAQ in order to implement its programs in a consistent and uniform manner.
- OAQ has been charged with improving upon existing or developing new measures and strategies that improve efficiency, enhance productivity, and result in a solid end product.



# ADEQ OAQ Organizational Structure

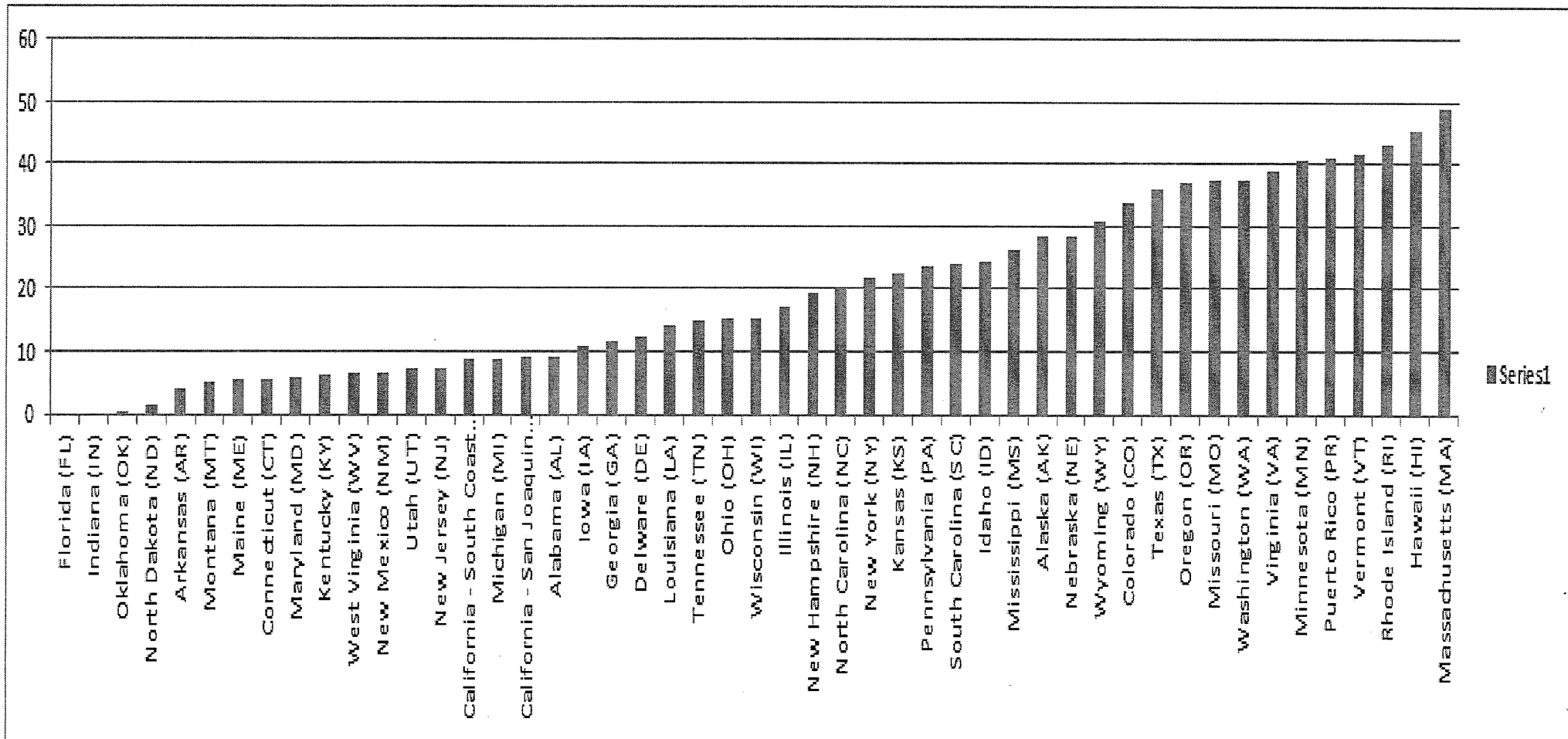
- The OAQ continues to be comprised of three major programs:
  - **Compliance**
  - **Permits**
  - **Planning**
- The recently merged programs of **Enforcement** and **Asbestos** continue to play a vital role as well.
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# Senior OAQ Leadership- Tom Rheaume

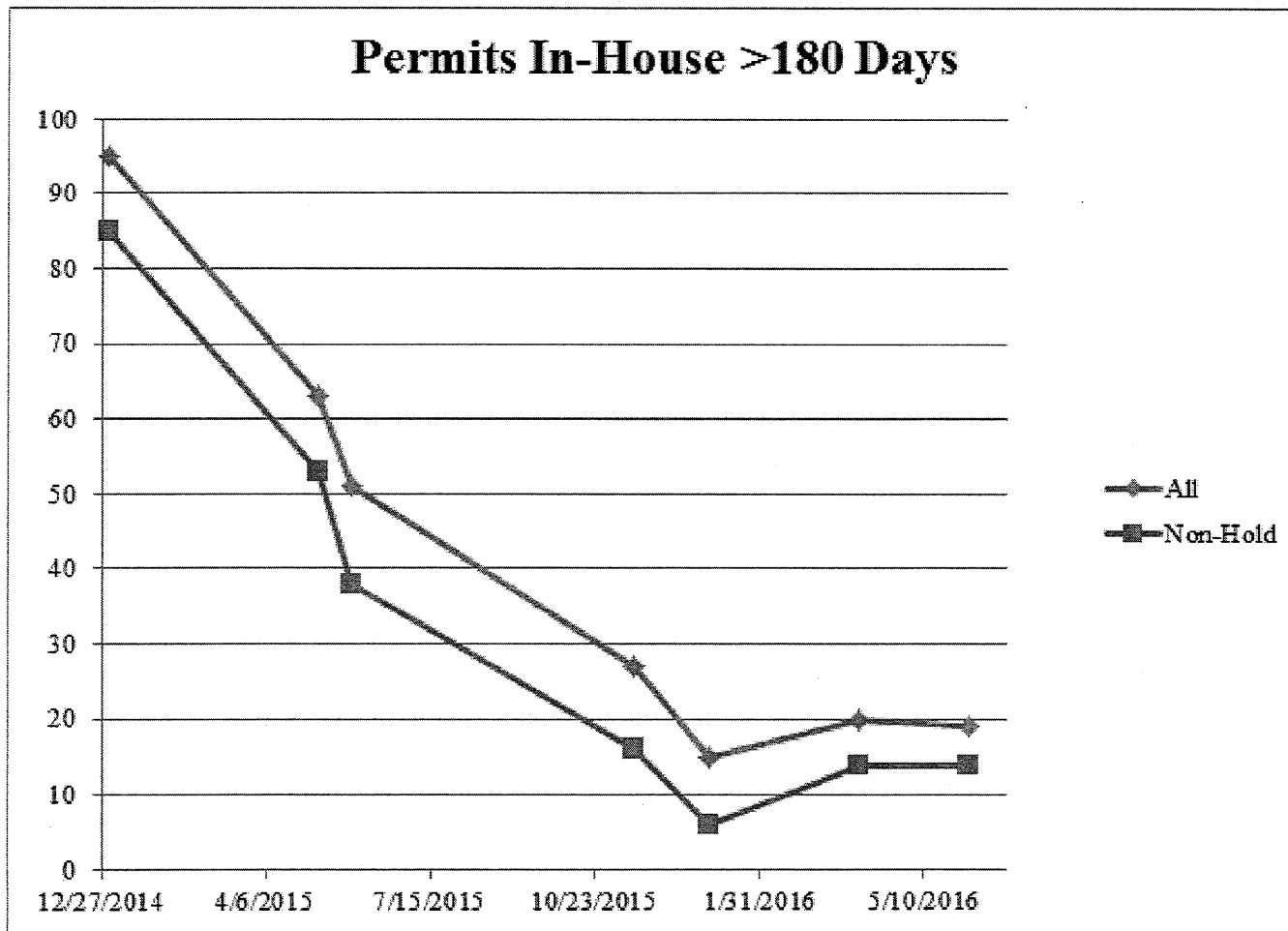
- Tom Rheaume was named **Senior Operations Manager** for the OAQ in the Summer of '16.
- In this role, he focuses primarily on implementing measures that promote consistency, innovation and certainty in the **Compliance** and **Permits** branches.
- Over the past year and a half and under Tom's leadership, the OAQ's Permits Branch has improved communications with the regulated community, tightened permit issuance timeframes (permits backlog... what's that?), and ultimately has produced good permits.
- In his Senior Operation Manager role, Tom serves as 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.

# Title V Renewal Backlog Rankings for Permitting Authorities with Greater than 100 Title V Sources

- Vertical axis= percent of backlogged permits



# Going, going, gone!





# General Permits

- **Animal Human Remains GP** went final on 7/11/2016
  - **Asphalt Facilities GP** went final on April 27, 2016
  - **Air Curtain Incinerator GP** is out draft.
  - **Rock Crusher** was sent out 1 year prior to expiring.
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