Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality Personnel Moves: Caleb Osborne Appointed Chief Administrator of Environment



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Caleb Osborne has been named Chief Administrator of Environment at the Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("DEQ").

Mr. Osborne was previously serving as the Chief of Staff for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism.

A press release announcing the appointment issued by Governor Sanders quotes Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment Secretary Shane Khoury as stating:

. . . Having known Caleb for several years, I am excited to work closely with him in his new role as the DEQ Director and Chief Administrator of Environment, . . . With his tremendous experience and breadth of knowledge, I am confident that he will be an invaluable asset to the Department of Energy and Environment and play an integral role in protecting our environment for the well-being of all Arkansans while promoting economic and resource development.

The Chief Administrator of DEQ has statutory signatory authority for Arkansas's 13 federally delegated environmental programs and serves as the Director of DEQ.

Mr. Osborne had previously served as Associate Director in DEQ's Office of Water Quality beginning in the Fall of 2015. He served as Associate Director until leaving DEQ to become Chief of Staff at the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism in the summer of 2019. During his DEQ tenure he was elected a Regional Representative of the Association of Clean Water Administrators.

Mr. Osborne is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and also holds a Juris Doctorate from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a Master of Public Administration from the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

A copy of Governor Sanders press release can be downloaded here.