Arkansas Environmental Personnel Moves: Former Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment Secretary Becky Keogh Appointed Associate Administrator for Policy/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator's Office



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Ms. Becky Keogh has been appointed Associate Administrator for Policy in the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Administrator's Office in Washington D.C.

Becky most recently served as State Infrastructure Coordinator with the Arkansas Department of Finance Administration, but prior to that was Cabinet Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment ("E&E") from 2019 to 2023.

Prior positions have included:

- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") Director.
- DEQ Deputy Director.
- Health and Safety Environmental Director, BHP Billiton.
- Principal, Blanz Engineering Solutions.
- Vice President, Industrial Services, CH2M Hill (acquired by Jacob's Engineering).
- Project Engineer, Exxon Chemical.

Becky served as President of the Environmental Council of the States ("ECOS") from 2018 to 2019. ECOS is the national non-profit, non-partisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders.

Becky's tenure at E&E and DEQ focus included:

- Reduction in permitting timelines.
- Permitting streamlining.
- Utilization of e-permitting and reporting.
- Reduction of annual operating costs.

Academic achievements include:

- BSChE Chemical Engineering – University of Arkansas.

- University of Arkansas Distinguished Alumni for the College of Engineering.
- University of Arkansas Engineering Dean’s Advisory Committee.

Becky was married to Patrick Keogh and they have three children and five grandchildren.