Arkansas Environmental Personnel Moves: Tom Rheaume, P.E. (Senior Operations Manager/Office of Air Quality) Retiring From the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality



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Thomas (Tom) Rheaume recently announced his pending retirement from the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ").

Tom currently serves as the Senior Operations Manager in ADEQ's Office of Air Quality.

In his current position Tom serves as the Managing Engineer responsible for the Air Permitting and Compliance branches of the Office of Air Quality.

Tom has been employed with ADEQ since 1998. He served first as an Engineering Supervisor and then subsequently Permits Branch Manager.

During his time with ADEQ Tom has overseen the permitting of several new major facilities including power plants, chemical, and steel mills. He has also participated in the process of overhauling air permitting, improving the permit process, and reducing timelines for issuance of permits.

Prior to joining ADEQ, Tom served as an Air Pollution Engineer with the State of Massachusetts Environmental Agency in the southeastern portion of the state. He was subsequently stationed in the Central Office in Boston. Tom worked in a variety of programs that included inspections, permitting, and planning.

Tom has also worked for environmental consultants designing air pollution control systems and permitting facilities in various industries. These include semiconductors and other manufacturing operations.

Tom is a native of Waltham, Massachusetts and attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts. He graduated in 1984 with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

I had a brief discussion with Tom, and he asked that I add a line to this Blog post which reads:

… having made Walter's Blog, his life is now complete.

Tom will be missed.