

Quarterly Newsletter

Associate Director's Update

We're back with the Fall '18 edition of the Office of Air Quality (OAQ) newsletter!

In the past few months, I was honored to be involved in the publication of two documents detailing success stories in air pollution control.

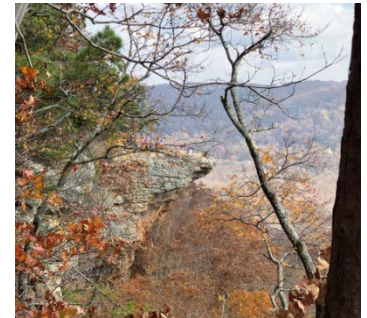
First, the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA) released the 2018 edition of "The Greatest Story Seldom Told: Profiles and Success Stories in Air Pollution Control" in July 2018. As the current President of AAPCA, I wrote the forward to this report.

Second, Jason Sloan, AAPCA Executive Director; Nancy Vehr,

AAPCA 2019 President-Elect; and I co-wrote an article that appeared in the September 2018 edition of the Magazine for Environmental Managers. The article details the successes in air quality improvement realized by implementing long-term control strategies at the state and local levels.

I invite you to read both of these documents to learn of the improvements in air quality. Find links to the report and the magazine article below.
<https://cleanairact.org/news/documents/AAPCA2018GreatestStory-July2018.pdf>

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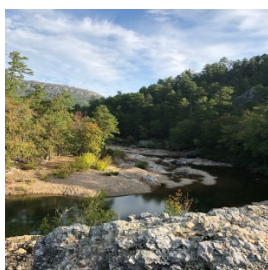
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Regional Haze: FIP No More

On August 9, 2018, ADEQ submitted a state plan revision to EPA to address all remaining Regional Haze requirements for Arkansas power plants. This plan, together with a plan submitted in 2017, is intended to replace a federal plan issued by EPA in 2016.

EPA's plan required expensive and unnecessary controls for power plants that would have resulted in increased electricity costs for Arkansans with minimal haze reduction at designated areas of scenic importance, such as Arkansas's Caney Creek

Wilderness and Upper Buffalo Wilderness.

ADEQ's plan provides for continued improvement in visibility in designated wilderness areas at a much lower cost to Arkansans than EPA's plan. Emissions controls required by the plan were set forth in enforceable agreed orders between ADEQ and the subject power plants.

ADEQ is working with the remaining facility subject to EPA's plan, a paper mill in Ashdown Arkansas, to address requirements for that facility.

Driving Forward: Plans Submitted to VW

On September 12, 2018, ADEQ submitted plans for two programs—a Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program and an Arkansas Clean Fuels Program—to the Trustee of the Environmental Mitigation Trust ("the Trust").

These two programs were included in Arkansas's June 2018 Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, which established Arkansas's strategy to use the \$14,647,709 allocated to Arkansas under the Trust to reduce emissions from vehicles. The Trust was

established in a settlement between Volkswagen, EPA, and the states to settle allegations of Clean Air Act violations by Volkswagen that resulted in excess emissions of nitrogen oxides pollution. ADEQ plans to begin accepting applications for these two programs later this year.

ADEQ continues to develop the remaining programs specified in the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. For more information, please visit our webpage at <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/vw.aspx>.

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Help Wanted!

No, this is not a job posting, but the Permits section does need help to reduce the number of administratively incomplete applications.

The OAQ Permits branch continues work in its commitment of implementing streamlining processes to achieve OAQ's lean goals of reducing the number of administratively incomplete permit applications received. At the end of June 2018, 42.4% of all OAQ permit applications were administratively incomplete.

The benefits to Permittees of submitting administratively complete applications include reduced permitting time and a

timely and truer application shield for Title V renewal applications based on an earlier administratively complete date.

Follow any of these steps to help reduce the number of incomplete application submissions:

- Use the most current instructions along with the newly revised checklists.
- ePortal's design is to guide users through the process. Use it!
- Ask for help. Contact us by phone, email, or through our webpage.
- Send us feedback to better assist you.

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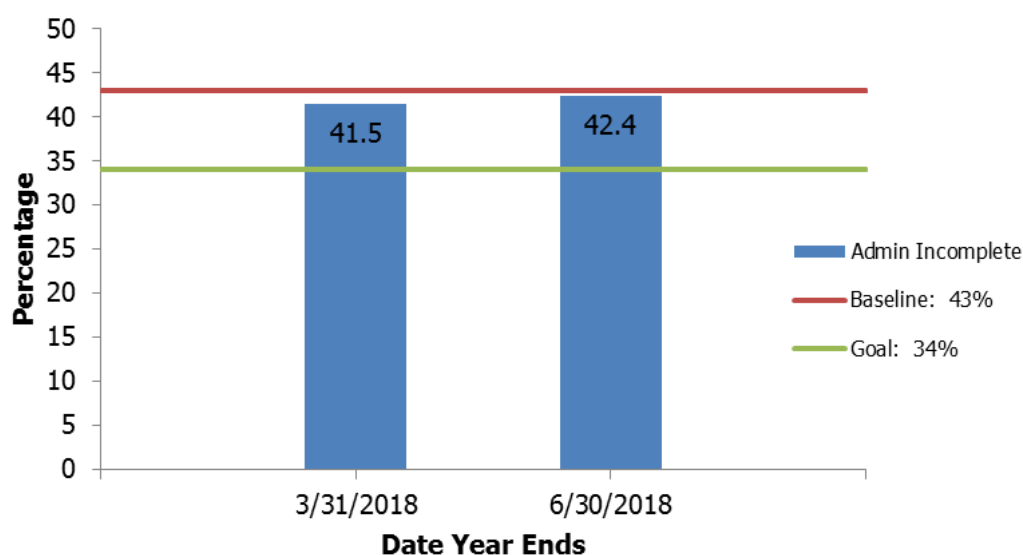
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Administratively Incomplete Applications





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ePortal: Coming Soon to OAQ Compliance

The ADEQ has been working to expand the use of the ePortal application through every media. The OAQ Compliance Branch gladly announces that soon it too will accept reports through ePortal.

OAQ Compliance expects many benefits from ePortal:

- Facilities no longer need to submit via Airsubmission@adeq.state.ar.us,
- Document templates and step-by-step guidance available within the ePortal, and

- Supporting documents can be attached to the ePortal submittal.

Contact the OAQ Compliance Branch to provide feedback regarding ePortal.

As with all electronic forms of communication, facilities need to be mindful of the sensitivity of certain data that constitute trade secrets. In such instances, facilities should continue to follow current ADEQ policy. Regarding Self-Disclosure send emails to selfdisclosurepolicy@adeq.state.ar.us.

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Mulch It, Don't Burn It!

It's that time of year again. Soon the ground will be covered with leaves. Our shrubs and trees will get trimmed one last time before Winter arrives. The trimmings and leaves will then need to be managed. How will you choose to dispose of your yard waste?

Your choices in managing leaves and trimmings have an impact on air quality for you and your neighbors.

ADEQ discourages any open burning, including disposal of residential yard waste such as leaves and trimmings through

burning, due to the negative air quality impacts from the smoke. Commercial lawn services are prohibited from burning collected materials.

Open burning impacts more than just the burned yard. Consider neighbors whose breathing issues may become exacerbated.

ADEQ encourages approved alternatives to open burning, such as mulching. Mulching keeps the waste out of landfills. Using mulch can also enable growth of beautiful future gardens and lawns.





Asbestos Quarterly Meeting

The Asbestos Program will host quarterly meetings with the regulated community. Dr. Phyllis Moore of SEI facilitates a panel of asbestos professionals for each meeting. The Asbestos Program welcomes anyone who wishes to attend.

During the first meeting in August 2018, discussion topics included Certification Application and Notice of Intent forms content, Regulation 21 definitions for contractor and consultant, and training provider notification regarding class schedule and attendance.

The topics discussed during a recent meeting held on October 11, 2018 included Regulation 21 definitions for contractor and consultant, enforcement of Regulation 21 violations, inspector practices, and the inspection form.

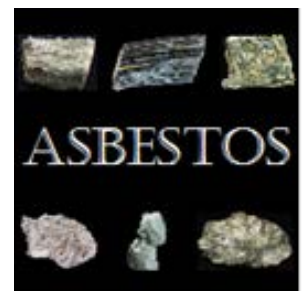
The Asbestos Program welcomes any feedback or ideas for discussion topics. Submit any feedback to asbestossubmission@adeq.state.ar.us or contact Dr. Moore directly.

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Enforcement Lean Event Update

In February 2018, the Transformation Team conducted an enforcement lean event that included representatives from all Departmental media. The group focused on analyzing current processes for each Enforcement Program's routing and approval of formal enforcement actions. Lean event participants recognized that OAQ Enforcement was already processing consent administrative orders (CAOs) more efficiently than other media.

In March 2018, the Air

Enforcement group conducted a mini lean event on OAQ Enforcement CAO processing. This event looked to reduce the average lead time for processing a formal enforcement action from 80 business days to 56 business days by September 30, 2018.

The fourth quarter (April-June) of FY18 metrics show that Air Enforcement overshot the goal by 11% fine-tuning down to 45 business days. The OAQ Enforcement team worked hard to reduce CAO processing times and meet the lean goals.



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