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**EPA Approves Arkansas Plan for Implementing  
2015 Ozone Air Quality Standard**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently approved Arkansas’s plan for implementing the 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standard. EPA sets national ambient air quality standards to protect public health and welfare from harmful exposures to common outdoor air pollutants, such as ozone, and states are responsible for implementing these standards.

“This approval marks a significant milestone in Arkansas and EPA’s continued work to ensure clean air for Arkansans,” said Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment Secretary Becky W. Keogh. “We are proud of Arkansans efforts to protect air quality and thankful to realize the benefits to our health, environment, and economy. These efforts allow us to maintain our enviable standing in achieving all national air quality standards statewide.”

The Arkansas plan demonstrates how the Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment’s Division of Environment Quality (DEQ) will implement, maintain, and enforce the 2015 ozone standard. The plan addresses Clean Air Act requirements including emission limits and control measures, ambient air quality monitoring, enforcement of DEQ Office of Air Quality’s permitting program, adequate personnel and funding, adequate authority, stationary source monitoring, consultation with government officials, public notifications, prevention of significant deterioration and visibility protection, modeling and data, permitting fees, and participation by affected local entities.

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