



Natural Gas— Who Regulates What?

Natural gas exploration and drilling continues in portions of Arkansas related to the Fayetteville Shale. Several agencies regulate or review drilling and exploration activities that could impact the environment.

The agencies listed regulate or play a role in natural gas exploration and production. We cannot guarantee this list is complete. Other federal, state, or local agencies may have authority over a particular project.



Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission

Fort Smith office

www.aogc.state.ar.us | 479-646-6611

- Operator registration
- Financial assurance
- Seismic
- Permitting
- Drilling
- Pit construction/closure
- Well construction
- Completion/hydraulic fracturing/chem disclosure
- Pipeline
- Production and metering
- Noise
- Leak/spill/blowout*
- Plug and Abandon wells

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

www.anrc.arkansas.gov | 501-682-1611

- Abandoning and plugging water wells
- Water withdrawals

Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands

www.cosl.org | 501-324-9422

- Lease and permits of minerals on state-owned lands

Arkansas Dept. of Energy & Environment

www.adeq.state.ar.us | 501-682-0744

5301 Northshore Dr., N. Little Rock, AR 72118

- Air and surface water pollution
- Air emissions from compressor stations
- Commercial land farms
- Ground water contamination
- Hydrogen Sulfide air concentrations*
- Leak, spill, blow-out*
- Runoff and erosion
- Stormwater pollution prevention

Arkansas Department of Health

www.healthyarkansas.com | 501-661-2000

- Public drinking water

Arkansas Forestry Commission

www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry

501-225-1598

- Educates landowners regarding timber management and marketing, and water quality protection

**regulated by various agencies*

Arkansas Geological Survey

www.geology.arkansas.gov | 501-296-1877

- Provides geologic data, maps, and publications

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

www.arkansaspreservation.com | 501-324-9880

- Oversees the impact of projects on historic properties

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission

www.naturalheritage.org | 501-324-9619

- Provides inventory data on locations of rare species

Public Service Commission

Office of Pipeline Safety

Main switchboard: 501-682-2051

Complaint line: 501-682-1718

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

www.usace.army.mil

Little Rock District: 501-324-5551

Vicksburg District: 601-631-5000

- Issues Section 404 permits regarding construction across water bodies

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

www.blm.gov

Southeastern States Region: 601-919-4650

- Responsible for oil and gas leasing on federal lands and national parks
- Manages mineral rights of the federal govt

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

www.fws.gov/office/arkansas-ecological-services

Arkansas Ecological Services field office:

501-513-4470

- Supplies environmental oversight for pipeline projects regarding endangered species and wildlife refuges



U.S. Forest Service

www.fs.usda.gov

Ozark-St. Francis Natl. Forests, Russellville:

479-964-7200

Ouachita Natl. Forest, Hot Springs: 501-321-5202

- Responsible for surface management of Forest Service lands, ensuring environmental concerns are addressed

Local government

Office of county judge

- If applicable, floodplain administration, emergency management coordinator, local requirements vary