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## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

April 3, 2020

Ava Roberts  
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Dear Ms. Roberts:

I am in receipt of your letter in which the Arkansas Environmental Federation (AEF) requested relief from certain regulatory requirements during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Your requests have been reviewed in consultation with the Office of Air Quality (OAQ), the Office of Land Resources (OLR), and the Office of Water Quality (OWQ) in the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Certain accommodations have already been granted pursuant to Governor Hutchinson's Executive Order 20-06 and other emergency powers existing under state and federal law. These can be found online at the DEQ website (<https://www.adeg.state.ar.us/covid-19/>) and on the websites of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board (<https://arkansaslpgasboard.com/>) and the Oil and Gas Commission (<http://www.aogc.state.ar.us/>).

Out of respect to your member entities, DEQ has individually addressed each of the requests you submitted. You will find this response attached to this letter. Also attached are the E&E guidance document to assist with requests for COVID-19 related accommodations and the DEQ Provisional COVID-19 Enforcement Guidance.

Your understanding and cooperation are critical as we work collectively to suppress COVID-19 without losing sight of our vital mission of protecting the environment and prioritizing public health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky W. Keogh".

Becky W. Keogh  
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