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
www.aogc.state.ar.us
479-646-6611 Fort Smith office
- Abandoning and plugging wells
- Chemical disclosure
- Disposal of pit fluids
- Drinking water issues related to oil, gas, or brine operations
- Financial assurance
- Hydraulic fracturing
- Hydrogen Sulfide air concentrations*
- Leak, spill, blow-out*
- Noise—compressor stations
- Operator registration
- Pipeline construction and operation
- Production of gas and metering
- Seismic testing
- Waste pits*
- Well construction and operation

Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality
www.adq.state.ar.us
501-682-0923
- 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 Natural Resources Commission
www.anrc.arkansas.gov/
501-682-1611
- Abandoning and plugging water wells
- Water withdrawals

Arkansas Department of Health
www.healthyarkansas.com/
501-661-2000
- Public drinking water

*regulated by various agencies

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Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands
www.cosl.org/ 501-324-9422
- Lease and permits of minerals on state-owned lands

Arkansas Forestry Commission
www.forestry.state.ar.us/ 501-296-1940
- Educates landowners regarding timber management and marketing, and water quality protection

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
www.usace.army.mil/  
Little Rock District 501-324-5551  
Vicksburg District 601-631-5053
- Issues Section 404 permits regarding construction across water bodies

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Southeastern States Region 601-977-5400
- Responsible for oil and gas leasing on federal lands and national parks
- Manages mineral rights of the federal gov't

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
www.fws.gov/southeast/maps/ar.html
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.fed.us/  
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