

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

STEVEN A. THOMPSON

Steve Thompson has a long history of state service, culminating with his current leadership of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). He was appointed as Executive Director of the DEQ in July 2002, after having served as Deputy Executive Director since August 1993.

During his tenure with the DEQ, Mr. Thompson has been an active and consistent advocate for Oklahoma in many national efforts. Especially notable is his ongoing leadership role in the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), the national organization of state environmental directors, for which he served as President in 2004 and 2005. He currently serves on the National Environmental Finance Advisory Board.

Prior to his tenure at DEQ, Mr. Thompson held the positions of Director of the Oklahoma Department of Pollution Control and Assistant Secretary of the Environment, as well as management positions in the private sector.

In 2009, the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration awarded Mr. Thompson the “Distinguished Public Service Award”, recognizing his high standards of excellence in public service and his dedication to Oklahoma.

Mr. Thompson is a 1970 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Business Administration. He resides with his wife Linda, on their family farm, near El Reno, Oklahoma. He is a proud grandpa to grandsons Sayer and Sutherlin and granddaughter Sheridan, who live with their parents, daughter Cydni and son-in-law Brantley, in Locust Grove, Oklahoma.