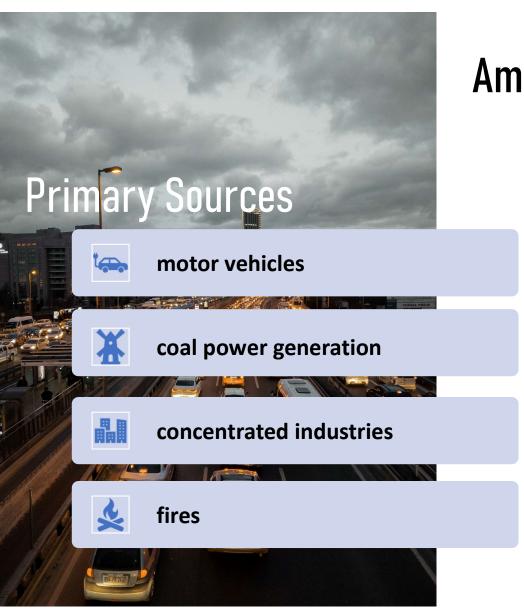


**Arkansas Air Quality** 

According to the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) region rankings

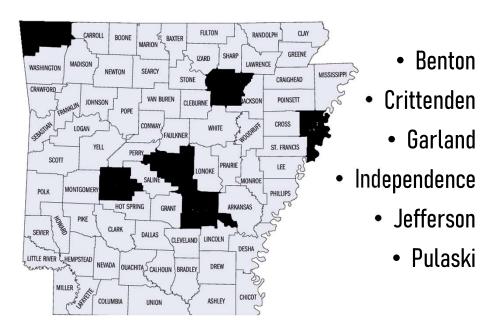
Arkansas ranks in the top 1/3 of the states





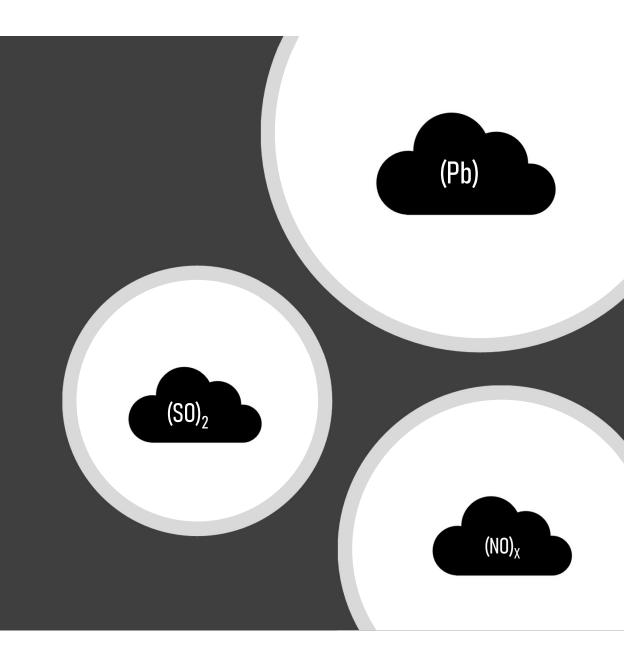
#### **Ambient Air Pollutants**

#### **Counties of Concern**



Consistently meets all federal air quality standards for criteria pollutants such as

- lead
- sulfur dioxide
- nitrogen oxides
- hydrocarbons
- other particulates

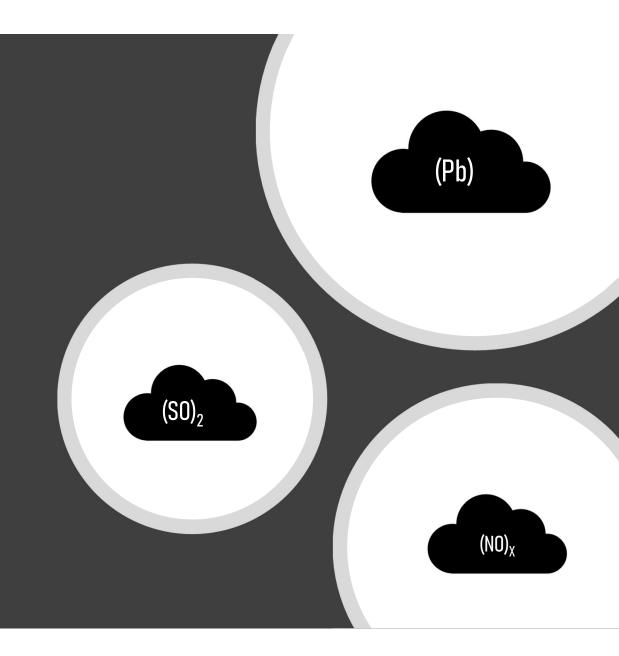


## EPA ranks Arkansas

relatively low on carbon monoxide, lead and  $(NO)_x$  pollutants

but

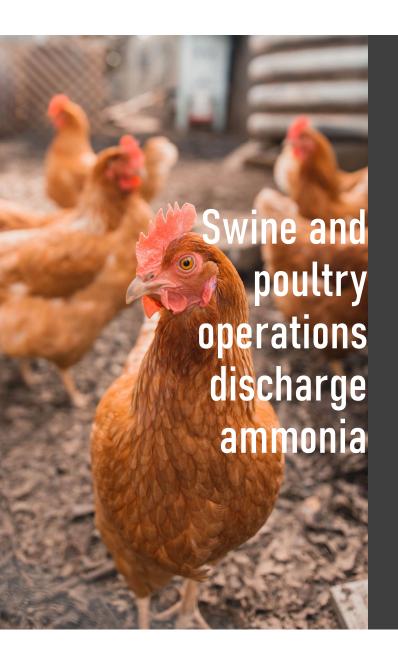
high among states on ammonia discharges





Airborne particulates

- ammonia produced by nitrogenous compounds
- manure & feed
- dander, hair and poultry feathers



Environmental dust, ammonia, bacteria and other contaminants

create respiratory concerns

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 cause chronic health issues

# Swine Operations

### Reducing Ammonia Discharge

#### Manage

- Low protein diet
- Rapid manure removal

#### Maintain

- Moist bedding
- Uniform ventilation



## Ramifications of the Clean Air Act for agriculture

Permits, penalties and enforcement under consideration 2000 animal+ feeding operations have signed agreements with the EPA

Emissions will be monitored for two years beginning in 2006

At its conclusion, animal operations must be in compliance with air codes

