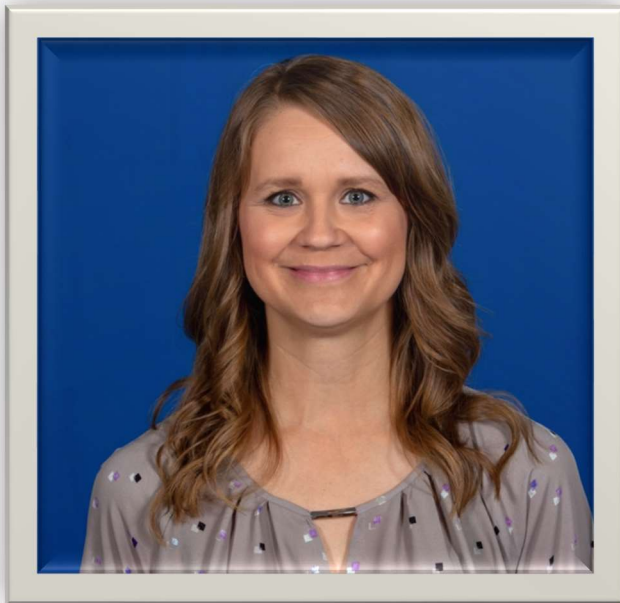




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Melanie Foster is the Rules & Planning Section Manager for the Air Quality Division at the Department of Environmental Quality. She began her career with the state of Oklahoma working as a temp for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board while pursuing an Environmental Science degree from the University of Oklahoma. After graduation, and a short stint with an environmental consulting firm in Oklahoma City, Melanie and her husband moved to Arizona where she worked as a Hazardous Waste Compliance Officer for the Arizona DEQ. Attempting to get closer to home, she and her husband moved to Arkansas where she worked for the Arkansas DEQ as a manager

in the Hazardous Waste Division. After having two little ones, the family moved home to Oklahoma where Melanie began her work in the Air Quality Division as an inspector in Compliance & Enforcement, eventually becoming the Compliance Section Manager before moving over to the Rules & Planning Section. Melanie has been in her current position for the last 7 years, working to keep Oklahoma's Air Pollution Control rules and its State Implementation Plan up to date. After 14+ years with Oklahoma, Melanie's joke of working for the DEQ in all 50 states is looking less likely, though she still wouldn't mind ending her career in Hawaii.