On July 25, 2016, Paul D. Baldauf, P.E. was appointed Acting Assistant Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Air Quality, Energy and Sustainability (AQES) Program, and that appointment was made permanent October 6, 2016. In this role, Paul is responsible for the management and oversight of two divisions; Air Quality and Energy Security and Sustainability, and two offices; the Air and Energy Advisor and Operations and Coordination.

Prior to becoming the Assistant Commissioner for AQES, Paul served as Director of its Division of Energy Security and Sustainability since AQES' formation in July of 2015. That Division is responsible for the oversight and operations of the radiation elements of the NJDEP, including nuclear engineering, environmental radiation and x-ray compliance, as well as the new Bureau of Energy and Sustainability, which coordinates with the BPU on all environmental aspects of NJ's energy portfolio and leads the DEP's sustainability initiatives.

Paul is a career DEP employee, joining the Department in 1987 as an engineer in the water quality program, and transitioning into the radiation protection and release prevention element in2003, where he rose to the level of Director of Environmental Safety and Health in 2010. Paul holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State University, a MS in civil and environmental engineering from Rutgers University, and a MA in homeland security from the US Naval Postgraduate School. He is a licensed professional engineer; state liaison officer to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and New Jersey's Commissioner to the Atlantic Compact Commission.