

Bio Summary of Speakers

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Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

A recognized leader in environmental protection, Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe guides the DEP in protecting New Jersey's environment and protect public health. Commissioner McCabe leads the DEP's efforts to achieve Governor Phil Murphy's environmental goals, including reaching 100 percent clean energy by 2050 and preparing New Jersey residents to adapt to climate change.

Under Commissioner McCabe, the DEP's top priorities are reducing and responding to climate change, protecting New Jersey's water, revitalizing communities and protecting public health, managing and promoting New Jersey's thriving natural resources, and strengthening the DEP.

Commissioner McCabe has guided the DEP since the Murphy Administration took office in early 2018. Previously, she had a long career as an environmental lawyer and manager with the federal government, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice. She served at EPA from 2005 to 2017 as the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (2005-2011); as a judge on EPA's Environmental Appeals Board (2011-2014); and as Deputy Regional Administrator of EPA's Region 2 office in New York City (2014-2018). In 2017, she served as the Acting Administrator of EPA (January and February) and as Acting Regional Administrator of EPA Region 2.

Before joining EPA, Commissioner McCabe was a trial attorney and manager at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1983 to 2005, in the Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. Her various positions there included Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief of the Environmental Enforcement Section; Assistant Chief in the Natural Resources Section; and Senior Counsel in the Policy, Legislation and Special Litigation Section.

Prior to federal service, Commissioner McCabe served as an Assistant Attorney General in the New York Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau. Previously, she was associated with the law firm of Webster and Sheffield in New York City.

The Commissioner earned a law degree from Columbia Law School and a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Barnard College. She also studied environmental science at the graduate level in Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Deputy Commissioner Olivia C. Glenn
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Appointed in July, Olivia is responsible for prioritizing the advancement of the administration's environmental justice and equity goals. A longtime advocate of ensuring underserved communities have access to the outdoors, Olivia believes every New Jerseyan has a right to experience and enjoy the benefits of nature.

Olivia previously led the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry, serving since 2018 as its director and managing its 450,000 acres of natural and historic resources. From 2003 to 2009, she worked as the Division's Urban Initiatives and Outreach Coordinator and subsequently served as special assistant to the DEP Deputy Commissioner. Olivia later was a member of the DEP's Environmental Justice Advisory Council, leading its efforts in outreach, education, and land management.

Olivia also has worked with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, making outdoor spaces and trails more readily available to Greater Philadelphia residents, especially people living in Camden. In 2018, the Camden Collaborative Initiative honored her with the Camden Environmental Hero Award. As Deputy Commissioner, Olivia will chair CCI's Steering Committee and will be responsible for environmental justice, diversity and environmental education.

Olivia earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Dartmouth College. She holds a master's degree from the Yale School of the Environment, where she wrote her master's thesis on park revitalization in Camden. In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors, as well as singing and playing the flute, piano and bassoon. Olivia is married and has three children.

Assistant Commissioner Mark Pedersen
Site Remediation and Waste Management Program

Mark Pedersen is the Assistant Commissioner for the Site Remediation and Waste Management Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

He has been with the Department for 33 years. Previously, Mr. Pedersen served as the Director of Land Use Regulation, where he was responsible for overseeing land use permitting programs. He has worked closely with the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to facilitate recovery efforts and rebuilding of New Jersey's coastal areas in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Mr. Pedersen has vast experience in brownfield development, industrial site remediation, and enforcement. He has had a lead role in implementing many transformation initiatives, including those leading up to the Site Remediation Reform Act. As Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Pedersen's primary responsibilities are to oversee the remediation of contaminated sites in New Jersey and to ensure that solid and hazardous waste are managed in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. He also serves as the Chairman of the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board which oversees the licensing and performance of site remediation professionals.

Assistant Commissioner Paul Baldauf
Air Quality, Energy and Sustainability

Paul is responsible for the management and oversight of two divisions: Air Quality, and Climate, Clean Energy and Radiation Protection. He also serves as New Jersey's state liaison officer to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and is the state's Commissioner to the Atlantic Compact Commission for Low Level Radioactive Waste.

Paul has served as Assistant Commissioner of AQES since 2016. Previously, he was Director of the Division of Energy Security and Sustainability, responsible for the oversight and operations of nuclear engineering, environmental radiation and X-ray compliance. He also oversaw the Bureau of Energy and Sustainability, which coordinates with the Board of Public Utilities on environmental aspects of the state's energy portfolio, and led the Department's sustainability initiatives. A career DEP employee, Paul joined the department in 1987 as an engineer in the water quality program. He moved to radiation protection and release prevention in 2003 and rose to the post of Director of Environmental Safety and Health in 2010.

Paul holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State University, as well as master's degrees in civil and environmental engineering from Rutgers University and in homeland security from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He is a licensed professional engineer in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York.

Assistant Commissioner Elizabeth Dragon
Compliance and Enforcement Program

Elizabeth Dragon is proud to serve as the Assistant Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Compliance and Enforcement Program, the program that carries out the state's protection of air, land, water, and natural resources through inspections, oversight, and enforcement activities for laws and regulations administered by DEP regulatory programs and also those that are federally delegated.

Elizabeth started her DEP career in 2004, after working with pollution prevention programs in Illinois. She has worked in multiple programs throughout the DEP; Land Use Management, Water Resource Management and Compliance and Enforcement. Selected to lead DEP's Compliance and Enforcement Program in November of 2019, Elizabeth has also served over 12 years in the Air National Guard, holds an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering and a master's degree in Engineering Management.

Director Richelle Wormley
Air Enforcement

Richelle Wormley is the Director of Air Enforcement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where she is responsible for overseeing compliance with the Federal and State Air Pollution regulations.

In addition to enforcement, she has also worked in the Division of Air Quality Permitting Program, as a supervisor with the Bureau of Operating Permits and also with the Bureau of Technical Services, overseeing and reviewing work performed by air test consultants both in the field and through the review of consultant test reports. Her career spans over thirty years in the air pollution arena.

Ms. Wormley received her Bachelors of Science Degree from Drexel University in Civil Engineering and Masters of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Director Michael R. Hastry
Waste Enforcement, Pesticides & Release Prevention

Michael Hastry is the Director of Waste Enforcement, Pesticides & Release Prevention with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where he oversees compliance and enforcement aspects of the Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste (RCRA), Regulated Medical Waste (RMW), Pesticides, Underground Storage Tank (UST), Discharge Prevention and the Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Programs. Mr. Hastry is also Chair of Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA). He has been with the NJDEP for 34 years.

Director Frank Steitz
Division of Air Quality

Frank Steitz is the director of the Division of Air Quality at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. He has twenty seven years' experience in Air Quality Regulation and fifteen years of managing environmental professionals. He has a Master of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Penn State and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical engineering from Lehigh University.

Frank serves in leadership positions on national and regional organizations comprised of State and Local Air Quality Agencies: Board member and State Chair of the Air Toxics Committee for the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA); Chair of the Stationary and Area Source (SAS) Committee for the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC); Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA); Board member of the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM).

Assistant Director Bob Kettig
Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainability

Bob Kettig is Assistant Director for Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainability at NJDEP. During his 29-year career with the Department Bob has previously managed the Bureau of Energy and Sustainability and the Air Permitting Program. He served as DEP staff representative to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) working on the program development during New Jersey's initial participation in RGGI and he has worked in the Bureau of Technical Services where he supervised continuous emission monitoring and stack compliance testing throughout the State.

Assistant Director Ken Ratzman
Air Quality Regulation and Planning

Ken Ratzman is the Assistant Director for Air Quality Regulation and Planning at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). In this position, he oversees all permitting actions, all planning functions and all modeling and risk analysis review. Prior to this post, Ken was the Chief of the Bureau of Air Permits.

Ken has worked for the NJDEP for 30 years where he has worked in a multitude of functions within the Department including: Writing multi-media permits for Hazardous Waste, Air and Water; Completing audits with Pollution Prevention Program; Working in the IT arena automating systems in the Right to Know, Well Permitting and Land Use; Managing in the Land Use Regulation program.

Ken is a graduate of Lehigh University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He also has an MBA from LaSalle University in Accounting and Finance.

Assistant Director Peg Hanna
Air Monitoring and Mobile Source

Peg Hanna is the Assistant Director overseeing the Air Monitoring and Mobile Source programs at NJDEP. In this capacity she manages the State's air quality monitoring network and leads development of policies and programs that effectively reduce emissions from the transportation sector. She has been with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for 29 years, and has spent 16 of those years focusing on mobile sources. The other 13 years of her DEP tenure were spent in NJDEP's Compliance and Enforcement program developing policies and regulations for stationary sources. She received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Scranton.

Bureau Chief Nicholas A. Procopio
Division of Science and Research

Nicholas A. Procopio is a Bureau Chief in the NJDEP's Division of Science and Research. His work primarily focuses on management of the multi-disciplinary research of the Bureau of Environmental Assessment. Several projects are cooperative ventures with external agencies and academic institutions. His personal expertise is in water resources, ecology, GIS, and statistical analysis. Nick also serves as an adjunct professor at Drexel University and Burlington County College.

Bureau Chief Kimberly A. Cenno
Environmental Analysis, Restoration & Standards, Division of Water Monitoring and Standards

Kim is a graduate of Douglass College - Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in Geology and earned her master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers. Her program issues Water Quality Restoration Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution and oversees the development and adoption of New Jersey's [Surface Water Quality Standards](#) and [Ground Water Quality Standards](#); development of the Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Waters, [Total Maximum Daily Loads \(TMDLs\)](#) and [watershed plans](#). Also the implementation of the Water Quality Management Planning program, Clean Shores programs, Citizen Scientist Volunteer Monitoring and the [AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program](#).