

Bio Summary of Speakers

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Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Appointed by Governor Philip D. Murphy, **Shawn M. LaTourette** became New Jersey's Commissioner of Environmental Protection on June 14, 2021. He had served as Acting Commissioner since January 16, 2021. Commissioner LaTourette is responsible for formulating statewide environmental policy while directing programs that protect public health and ensure the quality of New Jersey's air, land, water, and natural and historic resources.

A lawyer and policymaker with more than 20 years of experience in environmental protection, Commissioner LaTourette began his career defending victims of toxic exposure, including organizing and advocating for the needs of vulnerable New Jersey communities whose drinking water was contaminated by petrochemicals. Throughout a career shaping environmental law and policy, he has served in executive roles and as a trusted adviser to governments, community and non-profit organizations, and leaders in industry and infrastructure, while also litigating high-stakes lawsuits involving environmental, energy and public health concerns.

Guided by a deep commitment to equity and a professional philosophy that uniting economic development and environmental improvement promotes the public good, Commissioner LaTourette has been regarded as a consensus builder adept at achieving balance among competing priorities. His diverse background – in protecting vulnerable communities, facilitating the development of infrastructure and public works, managing business risk, promoting conservationist policies, and advocating for equity – has made him a leading force in policy, program and project development, especially those at the complex juncture of economic development, energy and environmental protection.

Assistant Commissioner Paul Baldauf

Air Quality, Energy and Sustainability

Paul Baldauf serves as Assistant Commissioner for Air, Energy and Materials Sustainability.

Paul is responsible for the management and oversight of five divisions: Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Enforcement, Climate Change Mitigation and Monitoring, Sustainable Waste Management, and Waste and UST Enforcement. 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 the program, formerly known as Air Quality, Energy and Sustainability, 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 David Haymes Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment

David Haymes has worked for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection since 1989, as a geologist, a technical coordinator, and a Section Chief. From 2010 to 2017, David was the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner for the Site Remediation & Waste Management Program. David also served as the Director of the Division of Enforcement, Technical, & Financial Support and Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund from January 2018 to July 2022. David was appointed the Assistant Commissioner of Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment in August 2022.

Throughout his career, David has been actively involved in writing regulations, guidance, and legislation that form the framework for site remediation in New Jersey. David has also been active in developing strategies and policies related to contaminants of emerging concern, including PFAS, and the Department's ongoing litigation efforts to have polluters clean up contaminated sites and to reimburse the state for cleanups conducted using public funds. David has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Colgate University and a Master's Degree in Geology from the University of Illinois.

Director Dr. Nicholas Procopio
Division of Science & Research

Nicholas (Nick) Procopio (PRO-KOH-PEE-OH), Ph.D. is the Director of NJDEP's Division of Science and Research where he oversees the multidisciplinary research and science-based technical support for the Department's programs. As such, he serves as the scientific lead for the development and expansion of policies that are built on defensible science. He is also responsible for the coordination and administration of the NJDEP Science Advisory Board, which provides the NJDEP Commissioner with independent peer review and advice on scientific and technical issues. Nick's research expertise is in water resources, ecology, and statistical and geospatial analysis. Nick received his PhD from Drexel University where he also serves as an adjunct professor. Prior to his tenure at NJDEP, Nick worked as a research scientist at the NJ Pinelands Commission.

Director Michael Hastry
Waste & UST Compliance and Enforcement

Director, Waste & UST Compliance and Enforcement - NJDEP
Oversees NJDEP's enforcement program for solid waste, RCRA/hazardous waste, regulated medical waste, recycling, hazardous materials transport and underground storage tanks.
Board of Directors - Northeast Waste Management Official's Association
With NJDEP for 38 years

Director Frank Steitz
Division of Air Quality

Frank Steitz is the Director of Division of Air and Radiation for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Air Quality Energy and Sustainability Program with 32 years' experience in Air Quality Regulation and 25 years of managing environmental professionals whose responsibilities include: monitoring New Jersey's air quality, review and permitting of stationary and mobile sources of air pollution in New Jersey, and the evaluation and planning to implement measures to meet Federal and State clean air requirements.

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

Prior to being appointed Director, Frank was the Assistant Director of the Air Quality Permitting Program (AQPP) where he led transformation efforts, including LEAN analysis to eliminate waste and improve the quality of permits, and the NJDEP transformation plan for an effective organization. Under his leadership, AQPP implemented detailed work plans for all technical staff, expanded the use of general permits to major facilities, and has converted all permitting actions from paper submittals to electronic submissions and issuance.

Frank has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University and a Master of Engineering Environmental Engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Director Kandyce Perry
Office of Environmental Justice

Kandyce Perry serves as Director of the Office of Environmental Justice under Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette.

Kandyce is responsible for the management and oversight of the OEJ, which provides guidance to the DEP and all New Jersey state departments and agencies on how they can incorporate environmental justice into their statutory and regulatory responsibilities, policies, programs and core functions. She also oversees the convening of the State's Environmental Justice Interagency Council and Environmental Justice Advisory Council, while acting as a key contact for overburdened communities.

Prior to joining the department, Kandyce worked at a Trenton-based nonprofit, where she directed policies and programs aimed at reducing flooding, improving water quality and ensuring equitable funding of stormwater infrastructure upgrades in the state. She also had worked on brownfield redevelopment for the Camden Redevelopment Agency.

Kandyce holds a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Spelman College. She believes that environmental justice for our most vulnerable and overburdened communities brings about justice for all of Earth's inhabitants.

Director Peg Hanna
Division of Climate Change Mitigation and Monitoring

Peg Hanna is Director of the Division of Climate Change Mitigation and Monitoring at NJDEP. She develops and oversees economy wide decarbonization initiatives; advances clean and renewable energy strategies; and oversees operation of the State's ambient air monitoring network. She has been with the NJDEP for 33 years, focusing most recently on transforming the transportation sector to a zero-carbon footprint. The first 15 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.

Director Janine MacGregor
Division of Sustainable Waste Management

Janine MacGregor was appointed Director of the Division of Sustainable Waste Management in January 2022. In this role she manages the regulation of solid and hazardous waste facilities and oversees implementation of the many progressive laws put in place to promote a broad range of recycling activities throughout the State. Janine was formerly the Executive Director of the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board, where she oversaw the licensing and performance of site remediation professionals.

Beginning in 2002 she worked in the Office of the Assistant Commissioner serving as a special project coordinator on a variety of projects, such as the Passaic River Remediation and Litigation, and as team leader for several transformational initiatives within the Site Remediation Program related to the Site Remediation Reform Act. Janine began her career at NJDEP working in a field sampling group, then went on to various staff and leadership positions in the areas of planning, strategic development, and information systems support.

Bureau Chief Kimberly Cenno
Division of Water Monitoring, Standards and Pesticide Control

Kimberly Cenno is a bureau chief in the NJDEP's Division of Water Monitoring, Standards and Pesticide Control and has been with the Department for over 30 years. She is a graduate of Douglass College - Rutgers University and holds a bachelor's degree in Geology and has a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers. Her program oversees the development and adoption of New Jersey's [Surface Water Quality](#) and [Ground Water Quality Standards](#); monitors NJ's beaches, prepares the Clean Water Act 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, [Total Maximum Daily Loads \(TMDLs\)](#) and implements the Clean Shores, Community Water Monitoring and the [AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Programs](#).

Program Specialist Tim Davis
Air Enforcement

With a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a dream, **Tim Davis** joined the Department in 1999 with Air Enforcement. Currently holds the title of Program Specialist 3 with Diesel Enforcement since 2018. With help from his partner in Mobile Sources, NJDEP's tampering enforcement efforts put the state near the top of dealing with vehicle emissions tampering. Currently working on enforcement of the Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE) Rules, which, like tampering, has the potential to realize significant changes in overall emissions.