



Colleagues,

This week, we welcome to EPA members of President Trump's leadership team. I look forward to working closely with them as they transition into the agency.

A message from EPA Chief of Staff Eric Amidon:

"This team brings a wealth of experience and excitement to ensuring all Americans have clean air, clean water, and clean land while unleashing American prosperity. We sincerely appreciate the warm welcome that we have received. We look forward to working with the career professionals at the EPA to make this transition as seamless as possible."

Listed below are the names and short bios of those currently serving on the transition team in Washington, D.C.

Eric Amidon, Chief of Staff

- Eric, a New York native, has spent the past decade working closely with Congressman Lee Zeldin, including serving as his Chief of Staff in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Michael Abboud, Senior Advisor in the Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education

- Michael is from Nebraska and previously served at EPA in the Office of Public Affairs and the U.S. Department of State. He also has extensive campaign experience.

Jaide Barja, Special Advisor for House Relations in the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

- Jaide is from Texas and worked in the U.S. House of Representatives for multiple members in the New York congressional delegation, including Congressman Lee Zeldin.

Nancy Beck, Senior Advisor for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- Nancy is from New York but has been in DC for 25 years working at the intersection of science, policy, and regulation. She has her master's and PhD in toxicology/environmental health from the University of Washington.

Steven Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management

- Steven comes from Texas with chemical engineering, MBA, and law degrees. He previously served in EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management during President Trump's first term.

Thomas Corlett, Senior Advisor to the Administrator

- Thomas is from New York's Hudson Valley and served in leadership roles in state and local government. He's worked with Congressman Lee Zeldin since 2022.

Lynn Dekleva, Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- Lynn is from Delaware and previously served at EPA in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. She comes to EPA with over 30 years of industrial experience and a PhD from Drexel University in environmental engineering.

Alex Dominguez, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Mobile Sources for the Office of Air and Radiation

- Alex is from Ohio, and he previously worked in the Office of Air and Radiation during President Trump's first term. He also worked in the U.S. House of Representatives and consulted for companies and trade associations over the past four years.

Sean Donahue, Principal Deputy General Counsel

- Sean previously worked at EPA as a Special Advisor in the Administrator's Office and the Office of Land and Emergency Management. He most recently was an associate counsel at a solar energy company, where his work included environmental permitting, compliance, and advising on all phases of the project lifecycle. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and earned his Juris Doctor from Florida State University College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies from the University of Central Florida.

Daniel Gall, Special Advisor for Strategic and Regional Communications

- Daniel is from Queens, NY and has worked for Congressman Lee Zeldin for the last 2.5 years.

Paige Hanson, Senior Advisor to the Administrator

- Paige is a South Carolina native and previously served at EPA in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. She worked in the U.S. Senate on financial matters in addition to the private sector.

Cora Mandy, Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

- Cora is from Connecticut and previously served at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during President Trump's first term.

Chad McIntosh, Associate Deputy Administrator

- Chad is from South Carolina and previously served as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of International and Tribal Affairs. He spent 20 years taking care of environmental compliance at Ford Motor Company's plants globally and 20 years as a state regulator. He is a chemical engineer and a lawyer.

John Rich, White House Liaison

- John is from Florida, and he previously worked on the 2016, 2020, 2024 Trump presidential campaigns.

Aaron Szabo, Senior Advisor to the Administrator

- Aaron previously served over ten years in the federal government at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He resides in Old Town Alexandria with his wife.

Abbie Tardif, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation

- Abbie is from California and previously served in the Office of Air and Radiation during President Trump's first term. She also has years of experience working for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the White House.

Victoria Tran, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of International and Tribal Affairs

- Victoria is from the great state of Oklahoma. She previously served in the Office of the Executive Secretariat and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and most recently was the Deputy Secretary of Energy and Environment for Oklahoma.

Molly Vaseliou, Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

- Molly hails from the Great Lakes and previously served at EPA in the Office of Public Affairs for 2.5 years. She comes to EPA with 6.5 years of communications experience in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Travis Voyles, Assistant Deputy Administrator

- Travis is from Georgia and previously served as the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Most recently, he was the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources in Virginia and served in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Ben Weiner, Special Advisor for Communications

- Ben is from New York City and worked from Congressman Lee Zeldin during his gubernatorial campaign. He also previously worked on Capitol Hill in communications and served as a congressional campaign manager.

Please join me in welcoming our new colleagues to EPA.

James Payne
Acting EPA Administrator