



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



This email message is being sent to EPA employees.

Colleagues,

I would like to thank Mike Stoker for his service to EPA. Mike joined EPA following his experience in private legal practice and service in local California state government roles including Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Chairman of the Santa Barbara Association of Governments, Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and Flood Control Board, and serving on the Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Board. I wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

Deborah Jordan will begin serving as the Acting Regional Administrator for EPA's Region 9 office. Deborah has been the Region 9 Deputy Regional Administrator since 2016. Prior to that, she was detailed to EPA headquarters as Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Air and Radiation, where she focused on Clean Air Act regulatory matters. She served as the Air Director in Region 9 from 2004 to 2015, implementing the Clean Air Act in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific territories, and on lands of 148 Indian tribes. Deborah has been with EPA for thirty years and earned the Federal Government's Presidential Rank Award in 2014. She received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Kansas and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, all in chemical engineering.

As always, my thanks to all of you for your steadfast commitment to EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment.

Andrew Wheeler
Administrator