

S. William Becker

Bill Becker is the Executive Director of NACAA, the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, an association of state and local air pollution control agencies in 42 states, the District of Columbia, four territories and 116 metropolitan areas across the country, and 4 territories. NACAA's members have primary responsibility under the Clean Air Act for implementing our nation's air pollution control programs.

In addition to managing NACAA's headquarters office in Washington, DC, Mr. Becker serves as the association's chief spokesperson and liaison with Congress, representatives of elected state and local officials, federal officials, and public and private interest groups, with the goal of giving state and local air regulators an effective voice in the development and implementation of clean air laws, regulations and policies. In addition, he manages all aspects of NACAA's efforts related to an array of critical air quality issues, including health-based air quality standards, global warming, toxic air pollution, motor vehicles, energy and enforcement.

Mr. Becker has received a number of awards, including among others, the S. Smith Griswold Outstanding Air Pollution Control Official Award in 2008 and being named by *Scientific American* as one of our nation's top environmental policy leaders in 2001-2002. In addition, he oversaw his association's Multi-State Clean Diesel Initiative, which received a cash award in 2002 as part of Harvard's *Innovations in American Government*.

Prior to joining NACAA in 1980, Mr. Becker worked for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, and directed the environmental affairs departments for two national associations. He received a Civil Engineering degree in 1971 from Syracuse University, and a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University.