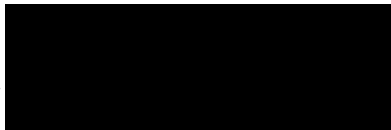


**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**

Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> Michael G. Baker		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Chief, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Ohio EPA		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Assn. of State Drinking Water Administrators		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b> (ASDWA is a non-profit)	Yes	No ✓
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b> <p style="text-align: right;">U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grants: 10/13: \$753,700 10/14: \$700,000</p>		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 2/3/15

# MICHAEL G. BAKER

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## SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR

*Innovative leader and strong communicator with extensive managerial, regulatory, and technical expertise.  
Committed to solving our nation's water resource challenges.*

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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- ◆ Nationally recognized expert in water resource regulation and policy.
- ◆ Performance-driven professional with 27 years taking initiative and making things happen.
- ◆ Innovative leader with 22 years managing strategic initiatives.
- ◆ Creative change agent with demonstrated success improving organization and process systems.
- ◆ Analytical thinker with demonstrated success resolving difficult situations.
- ◆ Accomplished collaborator achieving public involvement and inter-agency coordination.
- ◆ Strong interpersonal communicator, negotiator, and public speaker.

### Professional Strengths

Quality Leadership  
Process Improvement  
Organizational Change

Analytical Thinking  
Strategic Planning  
Program Development

Collaborating  
Project Management  
Interpersonal Communication

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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### Chief, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Ohio EPA, 1999 to present

- ◆ Administering 176 employee division: establishing program goals, objectives, and work plans; improving operations; and reaching organizational goals in an efficient, effective and measurable manner.
- ◆ Preparing and managing \$20 million annual budget, achieving fiscal responsibility and accountability.
- ◆ Implementing new federally mandated public drinking water regulations, increasing employee work loads while still reducing overall staffing levels nearly 20 percent.
- ◆ Implementing several initiatives to improve compliance of Ohio's 4,800 public water systems, reducing the number of water systems in 'significant non-compliance' by over 90 percent.
- ◆ Serve on multi-agency team enabling development of Ohio's oil and gas resources in a manner protective of Ohio's water resources.
- ◆ Directing successful response and resolution to public water system emergencies including: the infectious disease outbreak on South Bass Island; several widespread power outages; and contamination of public water supplies resulting from spills, polluted ground water, and harmful algal blooms.
- ◆ Administering the Class I and V underground injection control program providing cost effective safe method of waste disposal.
- ◆ Administering the Water System Revolving Loan Account, providing hundreds of millions of dollars in below market interest rate loans for water system infrastructure improvements.
- ◆ Advising on State and Federal environmental policy and regulatory issues, with emphasis on public drinking water, ground water protection and underground injection control.
- ◆ Providing, on two occasions, invited expert testimony to the United States Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

**Program Manager, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Ohio EPA, 1992 to 1999**

- ◆ Managed multi-stakeholder development of the Ohio Source Water Assessment and Protection Program, resulting in scientifically based assessments of source waters used by Ohio's 4,800 public water systems.
- ◆ Key participant in developing ground water components of the State's Voluntary Action (Brownfields) Program, including initial concept of an Urban Setting Designation, which lowers cleanup costs and promotes economic redevelopment, while protecting public health and the environment.
- ◆ Initiated formation of and administered Inter-agency State Coordinating Committee on Ground Water.
- ◆ Championed public outreach and education through development of numerous public education tools.

**Geologist, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Ohio EPA, 1986 to 1992**

- ◆ Authored the State of Ohio Wellhead Protection Program, approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- ◆ Collected and analyzed hydro-geologic, water quality and other data for characterizing ground water quality and assessing environmental impacts of existing and proposed regulated facilities.

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**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- ◆ Served two terms on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's National Drinking Water Advisory Council.
- ◆ Served on Board of Directors of the national Ground Water Protection Council, including two terms as president.
- ◆ Served on the Board of Directors including one term as president of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators.
- ◆ Served on the State-EPA Nutrients Innovation Task Group that authored a report and call to action on nitrogen and phosphorous pollution.
- ◆ Chaired a Ground Water Protection Council committee which prepared a report to Congress, U.S. EPA, state and local governments, analyzing and recommending improvements to ground water protection.
- ◆ Serve on and chaired the Great Lakes Upper Mississippi River Board of State and Provincial Public Health and Environmental Administrators (Ten States Standards).
- ◆ Served as Ground Water Director for the Water Management Association of Ohio.

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**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS**

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- ◆ **Hall of Fame Award**, 2102, Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program
- ◆ **John J. Sadzewicz Award**, 2005, American Water Works Association, Ohio Section.
- ◆ **Section Chair's Award**, 2005, American Water Works Association, Ohio Section.
- ◆ **Distinguished Service Award**, 1999, Water Management Association of Ohio.
- ◆ **Employee of the Year**, 1992, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters.
- ◆ **Outstanding Performance Award**, 1988, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Ground Water.
- ◆ **Employee of the Year**, 1986, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Planning Coordinator.
- ◆ **Student Leadership Award**, 1983, The Ohio State University, School of Natural Resources.

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**EDUCATION**

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- ◆ B.S., Natural Resources, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.