

BIOGRAPHY

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G. Tracy Mehan, III is Executive Director, Government Affairs, for the American Water Works Association (AWWA). He was an independent consultant and served as Interim President of the U.S. Water Alliance and Source Water Protection Coordinator for the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities. He was Principal with The Cadmus Group, Inc., an environmental consulting firm, with offices in Arlington, Virginia from April 2004 to July 2014.

Mehan served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Financial Advisory Board from 2014-2018.

Mehan served as Assistant Administrator for Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 2001-2003 pursuant to presidential nomination and senate confirmation. In that capacity he directed both the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts programs including permitting, infrastructure finance, wetlands regulation, standards and watershed management. During his tenure as Assistant Administrator, Mr. Mehan developed new policies and guidances on watershed-based permitting and water quality trading. He also promoted expanded ambient water quality monitoring and innovative approaches to meeting the challenge of the infrastructure financing gap, specifically EPA's Four Pillars of Sustainable Infrastructure which includes asset management, full-cost pricing, water efficiency and the watershed approach. He served as Environmental Stewardship Counselor to the 2004 G-8 Summit Planning Organization (2004).

Mr. Mehan also served as director of the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes and a member of then Governor John Engler's Cabinet (1993-2001). He represented the State of Michigan in all matters relating to Great Lakes Water diversions under the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and the Great Lakes Charter, and led the Michigan negotiating team during the mediation of disputes relating to violations of Supreme Court mandated limits on the Chicago Diversion of Lake Michigan water. He also was Michigan's representative on the Great Lakes Commission and the Water Quality Board of the International Joint Commission established under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 between the U.S. and Canada. In addition, he chaired the Michigan Mercury Pollution Prevention Task Force which, among other things, negotiated a phase out of 9.8 metric tons of mercury used in auto switches, annually, by the Big Three auto companies.

Mr. Mehan also served, briefly, as Associate Deputy Administrator of EPA in 1992.

He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Center for Environmental Policy, School of Public Affairs, at American University.