Cathy Tucker-Vogel, Section Chief Public Water Supply Section Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Biography:

Cathy Tucker-Vogel is the Public Water Supply Section Chief within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Water with 27 years of water sector work experience in the State of Kansas. She was appointed the Public Water Supply Section Chief and Drinking Water Administrator for the State of Kansas in 2015 and oversees all aspects of the drinking water, State Revolving Fund (SRF), and water and wastewater operator certification programs. This includes permitting and oversight of approximately 980 water utilities serving a population of 2.8 million and the licensing of nearly 4,000 water and wastewater operators. Prior to appointment as Section Chief she was Chief of the Capacity Development and Enforcement Unit from 2002 to 2015. As Unit Chief Cathy managed technical assistance contracts and public water supply (PWS) planning grant programs, implemented the State Capacity Development Strategy, provided operator training, initiated enforcement actions, and directed development of asset management and board training programs. Prior to joining KDHE Cathy was employeed at the Kansas Water Office as a Water Resource Planner where she worked on multiple water resource related issues.

Cathy is the President Elect of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) and previously represented the EPA Region 7 states on the Board of Directors. She is also the Chairperson of the ASDWA Small Systems Committee. Cathy serves on the ASDWA PFAS and LCRR workgroups and EPA's AWIA Asset Management and Consolidation/Partnership workgroups. She has served on numerous EPA committees and workgroups both at the regional and national level including the Reenergizing Capacity Development Committee, Asset Management Workgroup, Capacity Development Reporting Criteria Workgroup and regional/national workshop planning committees. Cathy received her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on environmental planning from the University of Kansas.