

L. David Glatt Bio

Governor Doug Burgum appointed L. David Glatt as Director of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and, therefore, a member of his cabinet in May 2019. Environmental Quality is responsible for protecting North Dakota's air, land and water resources. The department implements protective programs and standards to help maintain and improve environmental quality.

Glatt brings over 35 years of environmental protection experience to his Director of Environmental Quality role. At the time of his appointment, Glatt was Chief of the Environmental Health Section of the North Dakota Department of Health, a position he had held since May 2002. During his time with the Environmental Health Section, Glatt also served as director of the Division of Waste Management, interim director of the Consolidated Laboratories, assistant director of the Division of Water Quality, and manager of the Groundwater Protection Program. He worked in the Drinking Water Program, helping implement the Safe Drinking Water Act. He was the state project manager for an EPA Superfund project to address high arsenic levels in groundwater.

Glatt was born in Valley City, N.D., and raised in Milpitas, Calif. He graduated from North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in environmental engineering. After graduation, Glatt briefly worked for the Los Angeles Flood Control District before returning to North Dakota in 1983, joining the North Dakota Department of Health. Glatt is a registered professional engineer.

Glatt is a member of the Oil and Gas Caucus with the Environmental Council of the States and also serves on the Environmental Protection Agency Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee, the International Red River Watershed Board, and the International Souris River Board.

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