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Misael is a leader with over 25 years of experience in both private and public sectors. He is skilled in organizational leadership, institutional excellence, online service delivery, mining and environmental protection.

After a nation-wide search, Misael was selected as the inaugural Director of the new School of Mining & Mineral Resources (SMMR) at the University of Arizona. Jointly administered by the colleges of Science and Engineering, SMMR is bringing together students, professionals, industry and communities across disciplines and boundaries to meet the complex challenges of sustainable mineral supply.

In his prior role as the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Misael stood out as the longest serving, and first Latino Director in the Department's 36-year history. Under Misael's leadership, ADEQ helped develop and pilot what is known today as the Arizona Management System (AMS) – used across state government. During his tenure, ADEQ dramatically increased environmental outcomes, delivered award-winning on-line services and was recognize by local and national organizations 28 times.

Before joining ADEQ, he held a variety of technical and leadership roles at several international engineering firms.