

**Craig W. Butler, Director**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**

**- Key Skills**

**Strategic Policy Direction** - Proven track record in successfully providing key advice to Governor of Ohio, the Ohio General Assembly on energy, environment, and infrastructure issues to ensure Ohio is positioned to be a nationally leader.

**Balancing Environmental with Business Development** - More than twenty-six years of experience assisting Ohio companies balance protecting public health and meeting environmental requirements, while at same time and expanding business operations in Ohio. Fully committed to idea environmental and economic development priorities are not mutually exclusive, but are complimentary.

**Managing Complex Organizations** - Success in managing several large projects and organizations. Capable of providing direct management oversight, setting strategic priorities, ensuring results and providing a high level of customer service by bringing diverse staff together to work in teams.

**Strong Legislative Experience** - Proven track record of navigating complex legislative priorities to formalize policy initiatives through legislation at state and national level.

**Professional Experience**

**Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**

Appointed to serve as director of Ohio EPA on February, 2014, by Governor John R. Kasich, transformed the fully delegated agency with a 200 million-dollar budget and 1,100 employees to be customer driven and focused on using technical and financial tools to protect public health, while at the same time advancing business development goals. Strong experience and success in managing complex environmental problems and finding common sense solutions, providing strong leadership and guidance to USEPA on national policy.

- Transformed business assistance services by developing a one-stop-shop for any businesses to find answers to questions, seek help with permitting, or find financing tools for projects.
- Established director-level business development director to coordinate all agency actions for high-level business development projects.
- Transformed environmental award program to champion Ohio companies that go beyond compliance and embrace principles sustainability and key business objective.
- Negotiated multi-state/international agreement to cut phosphorous by 40% to Lake Erie to combat harmful algae blooms.
- Developed state-wide comprehensive response to algae crisis to protect drinking water supplies in Ohio. Directing over 3.5 billion dollars to improve drinking and water infrastructure and expanded options for communities to advantage of these funds.
- Providing guidance to federal agencies on fixing significant deficiencies in national drinking water program.
- Testified in Congress in support of changes to protect drinking water supplies and against the Clean Power Plan.

**Environmental, Energy, Natural Resource, and Agriculture Policy Advisor, Governor John R. Kasich**

Appointed to serve as Governor Kasich's energy, environmental, public utility, and agriculture policy director shortly after Kasich took office. Responsible for providing direct policy and regulatory guidance to Governor, Cabinet Directors, and senior staff on issues including: shale development, underground injection, wildlife, water quality and harmful algae, merchant power plant development, solid waste, air quality and permitting, energy, animal welfare, dangerous wild animals, and other related issues.

**Select Accomplishments:**

- Governor's world-class energy summit leading to a broad based energy strategy for Ohio including modifications to state Alternative Energy Portfolio to include waste heat capture and cogeneration and forms of renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- Led regulatory analysis across state government and use as model to streamline permit and inspection processes for shale companies. Cut permit review time significantly and eliminated duplicate services
- Coordinated passage of new common sense regulations for emerging shale gas industry in Ohio, including well construction standards, the most comprehensive registry of drilling chemicals in the US, standards for gathering pipelines, and air and water general permits.
- Led negotiations with other shale states, including Pennsylvania and West Virginia, to build on best practices and sign Memorandum of Agreement committing to work together on advancing development of shale across multi-state region.
- Led effort to join multi-state Memorandum of Understanding to purchase Compressed Natural Gas vehicles, expand CNG refueling opportunities, and build regional and cross- state opportunities to use natural gas for vehicles.
- Coordinated development and passage of landmark legislation to strictly regulate exotic animals.
- Led drought task force and coordinated response with federal Department of Agriculture.
- Coordinated response to Hurricane Sandy impacts to state resources along Lake Erie with state and federal emergency management officials.

**District Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Southeast District Office**

Served as District Chief of Southeast District Office, Ohio EPA's largest geographic district covering 23 SE Ohio counties with a staff of over 100 scientists and support personnel with an annual budget of five million dollars. Responsible for successfully implementing these programs, managing all staff and administrative office operations, coordinating multimedia/multi program projects, and interfacing with local government officials, industries and citizen groups.

**Select Accomplishments:**

Led team to identify alternatives for managing coal slurry for Ohio's largest coal producer and coordinated policy discussions with USEPA and ACOE and all state agencies.

Managed and directed all oil and gas and horizontal drilling, midstream, and downstream regulatory and policy and permitting activities.

Developed agreement with U.S. Department of Energy to invest six billion dollars to clean up the uranium enrichment plant in Southeast Ohio.

Directed permitting large industrial projects including a large integrated steel mill, merchant and utility gas and coal electric generation facilities, and several other large industrial projects bringing critical jobs to Southeast Ohio.

**District Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Central District Office**

The Central District is Ohio EPA's most urban district covering central Ohio with a staff of over 100 scientists and support personnel with an annual budget of five million dollars.

**Select Accomplishments:**

- Recruited by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Director to transform district to a high performance workplace by realigning staff and work priorities and goals.
- Developed new office culture focused on success, measurement and accountability.
- Streamlined all administrative functions for significant financial savings.

Directed important development projects including restart of steel making operation at major steel facility, and methane recovery and beneficial use programs

**Education and Other Credentials**

Ohio University Master of Science – Environmental Studies  
Mansfield University, Bachelor of Arts- Geography- Environmental Studies  
Co-Chairman of Ohio's State Emergency Response Commission  
Commissioner on the Great Lakes Commission and Council of Great Lakes Governors  
Chair of Ohio's Lake Erie Commission  
Member Ohio Power Siting Board  
Member of Board, Air Quality Development Authority  
Member of Board, Ohio Water Development Authority  
Executive Committee of the Environmental Council of States for all Midwest states  
National co-chair of water programs for the Environmental Council of States.  
Select Senate Committee on telecommunications member  
USEPA Steel Industry Common Sense Initiative Subcommittee Chair