
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Secretary of the Environment heads the Department. The Secretary appoints the Deputy Secretary with the Governor's approval.

In addition to administrative responsibilities, the Secretary of the Environment (or the Secretary's designee) is authorized to subpoena any person or evidence, administer oaths, and take depositions and other testimony. The Secretary also is responsible for investigating the influence of locality, employment, habit, and other conditions on health and for researching the causes of diseases and mortality, to the extent that they may relate to environmental factors. To obtain information about cancers caused by carcinogens and toxic substances and the incidence of these diseases, the Secretary may institute studies.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Richard F. Pecora, *Assistant Secretary*
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The Assistant Secretary coordinates the development and implementation of policies, procedures, and regulations to ensure that programs and services within the Department serve environmental needs. The Assistant Secretary also oversees three licensing boards: the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians; the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators; and the State Board of Well Drillers.

**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL
SANITARIANS**

Robert L. Stephens, *Chairperson*, 1992

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of the Environment and Senate advice & consent: Rev. Herbert P. Clough, 1991; Steven P. Witt, 1991; Susan Guyaux, 1993; Rodney B. Glotfelty, 1994; Patricia A. Schwaninger, 1994; Robert J. Hunter, 1995; Douglas H. John, 1995; E. Michael Kasnia, 1995.

Deidre Johnson, *Administrator*

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The State Board of Environmental Sanitarians was created in 1969 as the Board of Sanitarian Registration (Chapter 434, Acts of 1969). In 1984, the Board was renamed as the State Board of Environmental Sanitarian Registration (Chapter 560, Acts of 1984). Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Board became part of the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts

of 1987). In 1989, the Board received its present name (Chapter 151, Acts of 1989).

Registered environmental sanitarians conduct inspections and investigations to promote and maintain environmental health and secure compliance with public health laws and regulations. Their work concerns the effects of the environment on public health. They inspect and investigate the manufacture, preparation, handling, distribution, or sale of food and milk; water supply and treatment; wastewater treatment and disposal; solid waste management and disposal; vector control; insect and rodent control; air quality; noise control; product safety; recreational sanitation; and institutional and residential sanitation. The Board licenses applicants who qualify as registered environmental sanitarians. The Board also issues certificates of eligibility to applicants awaiting examination.

The Board consists of nine members appointed to five-year terms by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of the Environment and with Senate advice and consent. Seven members are registered environmental sanitarians, and two members are consumers not trained as registered environmental sanitarians and without financial interest in a related field. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1993 (Code Environment Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-502).

**STATE BOARD OF WATERWORKS &
WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS**

Dane S. Bauer, *Chairperson*, 1994

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Norman R. Connell, 1991; James Allen Stewart, 1992; Susan Weber, 1993; Franklin E. Jamerson, 1994; Robert T. Mohr, 1994; Joseph Streckfus, 1994; Frederick Streett, 1994.

Appointed by Secretary of the Environment: Edith T. Walker, 1990; Oktay M. Ertugrul, Dept. of the Environment; one vacancy.

Oktay M. Ertugrul, *Secretary*

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The State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators was created in 1967 (Chapter 430, Acts of 1967). The Board was transferred from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987).

The Board certifies superintendents and operators of waterworks and waste systems to protect the public health and prevent pollution. The Board evaluates applications, prepares and authorizes examinations, and issues certificates to qualified persons.