

Today we welcome to EPA members of President Trump's beachhead team. Acting Deputy Administrator Mike Flynn and I will work closely with them as they transition into the Agency.

A message from Senior White House Advisor Don Benton and White House Liaison Charles Munoz:

"As the leaders for the new Administration on EPA transition, we would like to say thank you for the warm reception that we have received. We are looking forward to working with the career professionals at the EPA to make this transition work as well as possible, and to carry out the Agency's mission to protect public health and the environment. We know and understand the incredible knowledge level and commitment of the people who work here. We will be asking you for help. We are committed to working with you. While transitions are always hard, straight forward honest communication combined with respect for each other will make the process work much better."

Listed below are the names and short bios of those currently serving on the transition team.

Layne Bangerter

- Layne is an Idaho native who most recently worked with Sen. Crapo. He brings a wealth of experience in the natural resources world related to farming and ranching.

Don Benton, Senior White House Advisor

- Don is from Washington State and served in the State Senate there for 20 years. Don has a long and accomplished history in the private sector in addition to his service as the head of a large county environmental office in Washington.

Patrick Davis

- Patrick is a nationally recognized political consultant and strategist. Since 1992, he has advised candidates for President, Governor, U.S. Senate, Congress, and state/local offices. Patrick is an organizational, strategic, and communications consultant to corporations, issue committees, and non-profits.

Doug Ericksen, Communications Director

- Doug is a Washington State native and a current member of the Washington State Senate. Senator Ericksen has extensive background in energy and environmental policy. He holds a B.A. in Government from Cornell University and a M.A. in Environmental Policy.

Holly Greaves, Budget Issues

- Holly has a long background in government accounting and Federal financial management. Ms. Greaves previously worked as a senior manager with KPMG and with the public accounting firm EY. She is a licensed CPA, CISA, and CGFM.

David Kreutzer

- David finished nine years with the Heritage Foundation as Senior Research Fellow in Energy, Economics, and Climate Change. David taught economics at Ohio University for three years and at James Madison University for 22 years. His academic research has been published in numerous professional publications.

Charles Munoz, White House Liaison

- Charles comes to the EPA from Nevada, where he served in key capacities for Americans for Prosperity. For the last two years, Charles served The Donald J. Trump campaign in several high level positions.

David Schnare, Esq., Ph.D

- Dr. Schnare is an attorney and environmental scientist returning to EPA after a 41 year career in the field of environmental science, with 33 of those years at EPA. Most recently, Dr. Schnare has been associated with the Free-Market Environmental Law Clinic, The Energy and Environment Legal Institute and the Center for Environmental Stewardship at the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy.

Justin Schwab, Legal Advisor

- Justin is an environmental and regulatory lawyer currently practicing in the Washington, D.C., area. Justin will be serving as legal advisor on several fronts including environmental health and safety, in addition to other key areas of implementing EPA's core mission.

George Sugiyama

- George brings over 30 years of EPA experience with him to the transition team. George will be serving as a senior advisor to the team.

Please join me in welcoming our new colleagues to EPA.

Catherine McCabe  
Acting Administrator