



Aaron Keatley, Commissioner
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Aaron Keatley is a career employee of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection. He has been appointed by both Republican and Democratic Governors and has served the Commonwealth since 1993. Keatley graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Kentucky. He began his career at the Department as a Policy Analyst, and started his management role in the agency in 2003 when he accepted the position of Enforcement Branch Manager for the Division of Water. He later became Acting Director of the newly formed Division of Enforcement. In November 2004, he was appointed Director of the Department's newly created Division of Compliance Assistance, where he established the agency's first one-stop compliance assistance program and Kentucky's environmental leadership program, KY EXCEL.