

OECA OVERVIEW

Internal deliberative pre-decisional - FOR USE BY 2024 PRESIDENT-ELECT TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS ONLY

Description/Responsibilities

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), located at EPA Headquarters (HQ) in Washington, DC and throughout EPA's 10 regional offices protects human health and the environment through vigorous civil and criminal enforcement that targets the most serious water, air, and toxic chemical hazards. OECA and the Regions ensure that the regulated community complies with the laws and regulations designed to protect public health and the environment, thus assuring that EPA delivers on the protections promised by those laws and regulations. Regions coordinate with their state, local and tribal counterparts to promote effective partnerships in enforcement and compliance assurance work between EPA and states, tribes, and territories that are authorized to implement federal programs.

Logistics

- **Senior Career Official:** *Cecil Rodrigues, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator. Chief of Staff: Jennifer Nearhood.*
- **Locations:** In addition to its HQ and regional offices, OECA has criminal investigators stationed in 43 offices located throughout the country, including the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA, and the National Computer Forensics Laboratory, Jacksonville, FL. OECA also houses the National Enforcement Investigations Center in Denver, CO.
- **Headquarters Staff:** 740
- **Regional Staff:** The Program includes ~1,860 Regional Staff, including ten Regional Counsels who report directly to both OECA and the Office of General Counsel.

KEY POINTS:

- **Federal Facilities Enforcement Office (FFEO)** – Ensures that federal facilities take all necessary actions to prevent, control and abate environmental pollution. FFEO achieves compliance at federal facilities under all environmental regulatory and cleanup statutes through inspections, enforcement, interagency partnering, and compliance assistance. *Kathryn Caballero, Director; Douglas Wink, Deputy Director*
- **Office of Civil Enforcement (OCE)** – Sets direction for the civil enforcement program, which includes all environmental statutes except CERCLA. OCE develops and prosecutes civil administrative and judicial cases and provides legal and technical support for cases and investigations initiated in EPA regions. OCE sets and manages national enforcement priorities, develops national enforcement policy and guidance, advises the OECA AA on tribal enforcement matters, and works with other headquarter offices to ensure new regulations are enforceable. *Rosemarie Kelley, Director; Karin Koslow, Deputy Director*
- **Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE)** – Maximizes responsible party contribution in performing and funding contaminated CERCLA sites cleanup while ensuring national consistency by developing policies and guidance. OSRE provides legal and technical partnership and support on highly complex negotiations, settlements, orders, and judicial proceedings to EPA regional offices. *I-Jung Chiang, Acting Office Director; Anne Berube, Acting Deputy Office Director*

- **Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT)** – Investigates criminal violations of environmental laws, provides a range of technical and forensic services for both civil and criminal investigations, and provides legal counsel support on criminal cases. *Henry Barnet, Director; Jodi Bruno, Deputy Director*
- **Office of Administration and Policy (OAP)** – Provides enforcement policy, administrative, and management coordination across OECA including human resources, labor relations, budget, finances, contracts, grants, records management, and information technology. *Shawna Gray, Acting Director; Daniele Albergottie, Acting Deputy Director. Marilyn Braxton, Office Director starting November 17th*
- **Office of Compliance (OC)** – Provides a foundation for the EPA’s enforcement and compliance program through cutting edge information technology and tools, strategic planning, performance analysis, training, inspector support, evidence-based compliance innovations, state collaboration and oversight, and compliance assistance. *Jacqueline Werner, Director; Kellie Ortega, Deputy Director*

Key Topics and Points of Contact

- FY 2024 OECA Programs Budget, OECA, OAP, Shawna Gray, Gray.shawna@epa.gov
- National Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives, OECA, OCE, Rosemarie Kelley, Kelly.rosemarie@epa.gov
- Preliminary 2024 Annual Results, OECA, OC, Jaqueline Werner, Werner.jacqueline@epa.gov

ONGOING/UPCOMING REVIEWS FOR FY 2025:

KEY EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS:

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MOVING FORWARD: