

# Peg Hanna

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## Summary of qualifications

Thirty-one years' experience developing policies and programs and leading staff to improve air quality, mitigate climate change, and protect health through a unique combination of collaboration, science, requirements and incentives. Deep relationships with government, environmental advocates, and industry which have enabled me to develop and achieve ambitious goals by setting realistic milestones, then communicating and collaborating to get to the finish line. My ability to create a vision and see it through to planning and implementation is evidenced by the policies and regulations that I've developed, and the numerous strategic plans I've coauthored to achieve on the ground quantifiable improvements in air quality and mitigation of climate change. The depth and breadth of my experience is moving the State towards decarbonization of all sectors.

## Education

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | MAY 1991 | UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON**

- Major: Biology
- Minor: English

## Experience

### **DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND MONITORING 2023 TO CURRENT**

- Oversee multi sector climate mitigation and clean energy policies and programs within DEP and with the NJ Board of Public Utilities, the NJ Economic Development Authority, and other State agencies, including transportation decarbonization, building decarbonization, and renewable energy.
- Lead the development of greenhouse gas mitigation strategic planning documents including the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Strategic Funding Plans, and the Global Warming Response Act 80x50 progress report.
- Compete for and implement federal grants to deliver on the ground greenhouse gas reductions in overburdened communities.
- Develop programs that ensure equitable access to clean transportation and green jobs by residents of low and moderate income communities.

### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AIR MONITORING AND MOBILE SOURCES, NJDEP 2015 TO 2023**

- Developed and clearly communicated priorities, goals, and budgets for 49 staff across two Bureaus and providing leadership to ensure success.
- Leveraged established relationships with stakeholders to plan and implement numerous climate mitigation projects, including nearly \$150 million in funding for transportation decarbonization.
- Strategically navigated policies on an interagency workgroup led by Governor's Office to transform the transportation sector to a zero-carbon footprint.

- Used extensive experience with stakeholdering and collaboration to co-author numerous policy, strategic, regulatory and legislative documents including a multi-state truck electrification action plan; the transportation chapter of NJ's Energy Master Plan; the Electric Vehicle law (P.L. 2019, c. 365); the Model Ordinance law (P.L. 2021, c.171); the School Bus Pilot law (P.L. 2022, c. 86); and the Advanced Clean Truck regulation.
- Developed community science program with low-cost air sensors to provide residents with easily accessible tools to get information about local air quality.

## **CHIEF, BUREAU OF MOBILE SOURCES, NJDEP 2007-2015**

- Provided leadership for 20 staff in the Bureau to achieve improvements in air quality by reducing air pollution from transportation.
- Managed implementation of the Zero Emission Vehicle regulation, Mandatory Diesel Retrofit regulation, and the State's vehicle inspection and maintenance programs to achieve criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas reductions.
- Developed strategies and led stakeholder discussions to reduce emissions from NJ ports including via the innovative use of air quality modeling.
- Co-authored Port Authority of NY/NJ's Clean Air Strategy Plan and a regional zero emission vehicle action plan.
- Created It Pay\$ to Plug In, the state's first grant program for electric vehicle charging stations, awarding \$10 million to date for nearly 2000 charging stations.
- Advanced unique public outreach campaigns to reduce idling including an inaugural air quality billboard campaign.

## **SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST, DIESEL RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM, NJDEP 2006-2007**

- Curated and staffed new Diesel Risk Reduction program to implement a law requiring tailpipe controls on diesel vehicles to reduce harmful levels of diesel particulates using \$100 million in Corporate Business Tax funding.
- Developed and implemented over \$10 million worth of voluntary projects to reduce emissions from diesel vehicles.

## **SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION, NJDEP 2005-2006**

- Testified at legislative committee meetings and assisted in drafting law (P.L. 2005, c. 219) to reduce particulate emissions from diesel vehicles. Conducted non-partisan education of voters regarding associated constitutional amendment to re-direct Corporate Business Tax funds to the new program.
- In partnership with Compliance and Enforcement, launched an incentive based anti-idling campaign for school buses, trucks, and charter buses including installation of the state's first truck stop electrification site

**SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
FOR COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT, NJDEP  
2002-2005**

- Developed supplemental environmental project rule which allowed a regulated entity to perform an environmentally beneficial project as part of settlement.
- Worked with industry and environmental representatives to design a self-disclosure rule to encourage facilities to voluntarily report and correct violations in exchange for penalty reductions.
- Represented all NJDEP enforcement programs on various department- wide committees including the rule writers' workgroup, the environmental justice workgroup and the National Environmental Performance Partnership committee.

**SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,  
NJDEP  
2000-2001**

- Advised Deputy Commissioner on documents, rules and legal matters related to Site Remediation, Enforcement, and Environmental Regulation programs.
- Coordinated with Division of Law on several high-profile enforcement investigations involving air quality and environmental justice issues.
- Supervised Referral Unit which assigned, processed and tracked the Department's responses to incoming correspondence addressed to the Commissioner.

**SENIOR AND PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST, AIR COMPLIANCE AND  
ENFORCEMENT, NJDEP  
1991-2000**

- Developed and implemented policies, procedures and regulations related to air, water, waste, land use, pesticides and release prevention enforcement programs.
- Compiled and communicated cross program enforcement statistics for the press, the public and the Office of Management and Budget.
- Launched and managed Greenstart, an innovative, voluntary, on-site compliance assistance program for small businesses and municipalities.
- Developed Open Market Emissions Trading program in collaboration with USEPA, industry and other states.
- Negotiated settlements and motivated compliance with the State's air pollution control regulations.

**Leadership highlights**

- Actively coordinating NJDEP's mission for vehicle emission reductions across sister agencies such as BPU, DCA, EDA, and the Governor's Office, based on valuable relationships and reputation in those organizations.
- Served two, 3-year terms on the USEPA Mobile Source Technical Review Subcommittee.
- Member of the Port Authority of NY/NJ's Clean Air Strategy Steering Committee.
- Actively participated on Ozone Transport Commission Mobile Source Committee, Northeast Diesel Collaborative Steering Committee, numerous NESCAUM and MARAMA transportation related

workgroups, NJDEP's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee workgroups, and the Camden Collaborative Initiative.

- Co-chairing Georgetown's Clean Vehicle and Fuels Workgroup and NESCAUM's auto dealers' workgroup.

## **References available upon request**