



Ohio EPA: The Next Fifty



Creative

- Find new ways to help the facilities we regulate meet their compliance obligations
- Improve our permitting processes to match the speed of business
- Explore the use of new technologies





Curious

- We want to understand our communities, our regulated businesses and industries
- Site visits help us to learn about you, your culture, your needs
- Where are YOU going in the next 50 years... and where do you need us to go with you?

Collaborative

- Improve outreach and opportunities for comment on rules and permits
- Accept input and expertise from those on the front line of our regulated facilities
- Develop new partnerships – proactive outreach to previously unengaged stakeholders
- Consider all sides of any given issue





Credible

- Remain a source of reliable, scientifically verifiable information to all Ohioans
- Train our Team to provide good advice, across Divisions

Consistent

- Apply rules and regulations consistently
- Inspections: Inspector Training Academy
- Enforcement





Caring

- Training the Team to be responsive to the immediate and future needs of a community
- More than just scientific expertise, we need to show our humanity!

Celebrate

As Governor DeWine likes to say, this is Ohio's time!

- Your success can be our success, and we want to celebrate along with you





H2Ohio Rivers Initiative

- Part of Governor DeWine's expanded water quality initiative
- We appreciate the support of the General Assembly in the recent budget
- Address the issue of rising salinity
- Implement a river restoration program and preserve those already in good health
- Remove dams to enhance water quality, fish passage, and migration
- Enhance Ohio's litter cleanup program
- Remediate waters impacted by acid mine drainage

Environmental Justice

Viewing environmental contamination and remediation through the lens of how it affects those communities that have historically been underrepresented and underserved.

We can address health concerns, issues of affordability, and infrastructure modernization across the state.





Building our Team

- Recruit and train the best and the brightest
- Increase diversity in our workforce to better understand the needs and serve our communities more effectively.
- Teach the next generation of scientists and engineers that service to the public is worthwhile.

The Next Fifty

- Let's agree to be honest with each other about goals, our timelines, the costs of achieving our goals and the risks of not meeting them.
- Address the challenges past, present, and future through true collaboration, open dialogue and respect for one another.





Anne M. Vogel, Director

In December 2022, Governor Mike DeWine appointed Anne M. Vogel as the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. She most recently served as Policy Director for Governor DeWine during his first term, driving implementation of the DeWine/Husted agenda for Ohio. Chief among them is the creation and launch of H2Ohio, the Governor's water quality initiative that brings together the Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Natural Resources to improve Ohio's water quality through the creation of wetlands, the reduction in phosphorus runoff, and access to clean drinking water and quality sewer systems. Director Vogel also served as Infrastructure Coordinator for Governor DeWine, overseeing a cross-agency team charged with securing federal grants for infrastructure improvements across the state.

Director Vogel spent a decade at American Electric Power Company, with experience in both regulatory matters and operations. She was responsible for federal energy policy development in Washington. Following law school, Director Vogel started her career as a litigator at the Columbus law firm of Porter Wright and subsequently clerked for Judge Sargus, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Director Vogel volunteers for the Legal Aid Society of Columbus and is an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University.

Vogel holds a law degree from Capital University and an MBA from The Ohio State University.