

Walter Mugdan

Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2

Since January 2021, Walter Mugdan has served as Acting Regional Administrator for Region 2 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in supporting its mission of protecting public health and the environment across New York State, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, the U.S.. Virgin Islands and eight federally-recognized Indian nations. Walter served as Deputy Regional Administrator in Region 2 from 2018 to January 2021, supporting the Regional Administrator in overall management of the approximate 740-person office.

Walter has held a variety of leadership positions within EPA, including Director of the Emergency and Remedial Response Division (ERRD) where he headed a staff of over 200 employees responsible for the Region's "Superfund" toxic waste cleanup, emergency response and brownfields programs. From 2002 to 2008 Walter served as Director of the Division of Environmental Planning & Protection, where his staff of about 180 scientists, engineers and planners managed the Region's air, water, hazardous waste and environmental review programs. From 1995 to 2002 Walter served as Regional Counsel, where he headed a staff of 80 attorneys in the Office of Regional Counsel. He earned his JD and BA degrees from the University of Michigan.











