



Environmental Protection Agency



Anne M. Vogel was appointed director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency by Governor Mike DeWine in December 2022. Within one month of assuming office, Director Vogel faced a critical test when called upon to coordinate a rapid and efficient response to the East Palestine train derailment. Through her proactive and collaborative efforts, Vogel has led Ohio EPA's efforts to contain the environmental and health impacts of the incident and protect the community.

Prior to her current role, Vogel served as Policy Director for Governor Mike DeWine during his first term. Her leadership was instrumental in driving the implementation of significant initiatives, most notably the H2Ohio water quality initiative. This program brings together the efforts of Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Agriculture, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources to improve Ohio's water quality. It focuses on establishing wetlands, reducing phosphorus runoff, and ensuring universal access to clean drinking water and quality sewer systems.

Director Vogel is helping to drive Governor DeWine's strategic plan to address significant water issues in the state. In December 2023, she helped spearhead the launch of the H2Ohio Rivers Initiative, an important step toward maintaining and enhancing the health of Ohio's major rivers. She also led the innovative Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) takeback program, a collaboration between Ohio EPA, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and Battelle. Leveraging Battelle's patented PFAS Annihilator™ technology, AFFF is subjected to supercritical water oxidation, effectively eliminating AFFF and PFAS-contaminated wastewater to non-detectable levels.

Director Vogel, with a decade of experience at American Electric Power Company, brings a wealth of knowledge in 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.

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