

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)



Liesl Eichler Clark, Director

Director Clark was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer effective January 1, 2019. Her previous position was co-founder and partner of 5 Lakes Energy, a policy consulting firm that serves businesses, policymakers, and other stakeholders seeking to advance the transition to a clean energy economy.

Director Clark, a Howell resident, has also served as president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council and as deputy director for energy programs at the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, & Economic Growth. Liesl was a critical catalyst for Michigan's clean energy efforts beginning in 2008, and the application of her work after leaving state government resulted in the formation of Michigan's first trade association dedicated solely to the emerging clean energy industry in this state – the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council (EIBC). Since founding the EIBC, Liesl has been instrumental in building relationships between the clean energy business community and state and federal policymakers while collaborating with energy experts and regulators to spearhead innovative energy policy.

She held a series of roles involving natural resources, environmental and agriculture policy in state government from policy advisor in Governor Jennifer Granholm's office to legislative liaison for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Liesl completed a Master's degree in Public Administration from Michigan State University while working full-time, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Economy from MSU's James Madison College. She has completed the Great Lakes Leadership Academy and serves on the board of Advancing Women in Energy.

Mary Ann Dolehanty, Air Quality Division Director

Mary Ann Dolehanty is the Director of the Air Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Mary Ann has over 33 years of experience with EGLE in both water and air programs. Mary Ann is active in many Department initiatives on leadership, enhanced public participation, and process improvements. She is active in several state and national organizations including the Lake Michigan Air Director's Consortium. Mary Ann holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Michigan State University. She is married to John, also an engineer, and together they have 3 adult children. Mary Ann is looking forward to March 2021, when she will become a first time grandma.

Mike Neller, Remediation and Redevelopment Division Director

Mike Neller was hired into EGLE in 2018 as manager of the Radiological Protection Section and was named the RRD director late 2019. Mike is an East Lansing, Michigan, native. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and spent 25 years as a nuclear submarine officer. After retiring from the Navy, Mike worked in manufacturing operations and maintenance at a solar panel company, a sportswear apparel company, and at an international company that manufactured household cleaning products. Prior to coming to EGLE, he was the Dean of Students at a private boarding school, Culver Academies, in Indiana for several years.

Robert Jackson, Materials Management Division Acting Assistant

Robert Jackson has been an Energy Manager with the Michigan EGLE since 1994 and in 2008 he joined the Michigan Energy Office to oversee the State Energy Program. Robert is directly responsible for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Revolving Loan Program, industrial E2 Program, and Technology Demonstration Program. He is currently the Acting Assistant Director in the Materials Management Division. Robert earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1978 and attended Wayne State University, graduating in 1986 with his Chemical Engineering degree.

Teresa Seidel, Water Resources Division Director

Teresa Seidel has been the Division Director for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) Water Resources Division since August 2016. Teresa holds a B.S. in Biology and an M.P.A. in Public Management, both from Grand Valley State University. After consulting for a few years, Teresa started her career in the State in water programs but also worked for many years in the Air Quality Division. Teresa has over 25 years of experience in water and air related programs and issues.