



Oka' 2021 Sustainability Conference Speaker

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Kenneth Wagner serves as Oklahoma's Secretary of Energy and Environment where he was appointed in 2019 by Oklahoma's new Governor J. Kevin Stitt. In this role, he is responsible for over 30 state agencies, boards, compacts, and commissions as well as advancing policies that encourage economic growth, sensible regulation that fosters responsible energy production, protects natural resources, and ensures clean air, land and water for all Oklahomans.

Previously, Mr. Wagner served as the Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs within USEPA's Office of the Administrator where he also served as Director of the Office of Regional Operations. In his duties at EPA, he served as the Administrator's designee to all 10 regions before regional administrators were appointed, and he continued to coordinate all 10 U.S. EPA Regional Administrators and served as an advocate for the regions at headquarters with all the assistant administrators for each national program and the Administrator's office.

He was appointed and previously served at the Administrator's Designee on the Gulf Coast Eco System Restoration Council, also known as the RESTORE Council. EPA and Acting Administrator Wheeler was appointed by President Trump as Chairman of the RESTORE Council which was responsible for implementing the RESTORE Act and administering billions of dollars of settlement funds that were paid by BP as a result of the Deep Water Horizon oil spill.

During his time at RESTORE, Wagner served as the Chair governing all business and executive meetings of the five gulf states and six federal agencies making up the Council. Before joining the Agency he came from the private sector where he received his degrees from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tulsa College of Law.