



Biography

Kentucky Energy and Environment
Cabinet



JOHN S. LYONS

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Mr. Lyons' entire 33-year career has been spent with the Energy and Environment Cabinet. A graduate of the Morehead State University Environmental Science program, he began his lifelong passion for everything outdoors with an entry level position with the Kentucky Division of Water in the spring of 1989. Since that time, John has served five different governors, holding various leadership positions that include Air Quality Director, Deputy Executive Director for the Public Service Commission, Deputy Commissioner for the Department for Environmental Protection and most recently being appointed by Governor Andy Beshear to Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet in August 2020. In addition to various policy making and administrative duties, Mr. Lyons' strong background as a scientist is an invaluable asset in dealing with the hundreds of day-to-day issues that face the Cabinet's 1300 employees.

Over the years, John has been a member of various boards, workgroups and task forces and has made numerous presentations on a variety of energy and environmental issues throughout the state and nation. His prior work at the state and national level has helped shape the regulatory landscape on a variety of public, environmental and energy policies.

He currently serves as proxy board member for Secretary Rebecca Goodman on the Kentucky River Authority and the Electric Generation and Transmission Siting Board, proxy commissioner for Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman on the Ohio River Sanitation Commission and Kentucky representative on the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force.