



EPA Mid-Atlantic Region Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz

Adam Ortiz has served as EPA's Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator since November 2021. In his role, he oversees federal environmental and public health protections in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and seven federally recognized tribes. Working with state partners and local stakeholders, Adam is focused on infrastructure, enforcement, climate resiliency, environmental justice, and restoring the Chesapeake Bay.



With a focus at the EPA on accelerating progress to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay and upstream conservation efforts, Adam stepped up grantmaking and enforcement while also forging new or stronger alliances with the Bay states, the private sector, agriculture community, Amish community, and state and local governments. With a commitment to environmental justice, Adam directed the launch of the Engagement Communities Initiative that continues to focus on delivering resources to 37 of the most overburdened communities in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Adam's focus on revitalization and economic development led to the restoration of countless brownfield and superfund cleanup and revitalization projects. He is a strong proponent of being "in the field" and has logged over 13,000 miles participating in over 450 meetings with stakeholders and partners in every corner of the Mid-Atlantic Region. His leadership principle to "engage, align, and deliver" has guided the Mid-Atlantic Region staff in its mission to protect human health and the environment.

Prior to joining the senior leadership team at EPA, Adam was the Director of the Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Environmental Protection where he launched programs boosting recycling, curbside compost collection, building energy efficiency standards and watershed restoration projects with a focus on equity. Previously, he served as the Director of the Department of Environment for Prince George's County, Maryland where he led the county to the highest recycling rate in the state and oversaw the construction and operation of the region's largest organics composting facility. Adam also served as a three-term mayor of Edmonston, Maryland where he spearheaded the East Coast's first "Complete Green Street" that successfully captured and filtered stormwater runoff.

In his spare time, Adam enjoys getting outside to paddle and hike throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region. He grew up in New York's Hudson Valley and graduated from Goucher College in Maryland.