Basil Seggos, Commissioner New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Basil Seggos has served as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) since 2015, leading an agency of more than 3,000 professionals. At DEC, he oversees efforts to protect and restore New York's air, lands and waters; combat climate change; enforce environmental laws and regulations; respond to natural disasters; and support world-class outdoor recreation. Seggos is the Co-Chair of the State's Climate Action Council, the committee developing the Scoping Plan to achieve the State's nation-leading climate goals.

Seggos advises Governor Kathy Hochul on environmental policy and serves on boards including the Adirondack Park Agency, Environmental Facilities Corporation, and New York State Energy and Research Development Authority, among others. Prior to state service, Seggos served as V.P. of Business Development at Hugo Neu Corporation, a clean tech private equity company, Chief Investigator and Attorney for Riverkeeper, Associate at NRDC, and legal clerk at the White House. Seggos graduated from Trinity College and Pace University School of Law. Seggos is a U.S. Army veteran.