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Jane Nishida currently serves as EPA's Acting Deputy Administrator. Nishida was appointed by President Biden, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and on September 24, 2021, she was sworn in as Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA). She also served as EPA's Acting Administrator from January 20, 2021, to March 11, 2021, before the confirmation of current EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.

Nishida has over thirty-five years of environmental experience working in federal and state government, and international and nongovernmental organizations. As the Assistant Administrator for OITA, Nishida has led EPA's international and tribal portfolios, including EPA's international and tribal policies, strategies, and relationships. Nishida has worked closely with tribal governments, foreign governments, international organizations, and other key stakeholders on matters relating to EPA's environmental responsibilities.

Prior to joining EPA in 2011, Nishida served as the Senior Environmental Institutions Specialist at the World Bank. From 1995 to 2002, she was appointed as the Secretary of Maryland's Department of the Environment. Additionally, she served as the Maryland Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She also held positions as Legislative Officer in the Maryland Governor's Office and Committee Counsel in the Maryland General Assembly.

Nishida received a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C.