Richard Jackson, Director Department of Energy and Environment



Richard Jackson is the Director of the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). He provides strategic guidance and leadership to a workforce of more than 450 environmental professionals and oversees the daily operations of five administrations that work collaboratively to protect the environment and conserve natural resources in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Jackson joined DOEE in 2008 as a hazardous waste inspector in the Environmental Services Administration (ESA). During his tenure, he has established the Rail Safety and Emergency Response Division (RSERD), provided oversight on for the District of Columbia's Indoor Mold Inspection and Compliance Program, and managed the Site Remediation and Response Program. Notably, as Associate Director of the Toxic Substances Division, he led the largest and most complex river remediation project in the District --The Anacostia River Sediment Remediation Project (ARSP) -- a major step towards creating a cleaner, swimmable, fishable Anacostia River. Prior to his appointment as interim director, he served as senior deputy director -- the second in command at DOEE.

Mr. Jackson is established in the chemical and environmental engineering industry. Drawing on more than 20 years of experience, he has successfully led teams to solve a wide range of environmental issues. He has extensive experience in hazardous waste management, chemical production and processing, nuclear power plant maintenance, occupational safety, research development, and quality assurance auditing.

Mr. Jackson spent 21 years with the U.S. Navy as a nuclear submariner operating nuclear reactors, power generation and propulsion systems, and maintaining weapons systems. He is a proud U.S. veteran.