



**Biography**  
**Jim Tierney**  
**Deputy Commissioner for Water Resources**

Jim Tierney serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Water Resources within the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Jim has management responsibility for all clean water programs, including: sewage and industrial waste water treatment plants; programs to address polluted runoff from concentrated animal feeding operations, construction excavations and urbanized areas; water quality standards; stream classifications, and water quality assessments. This includes the management of multiple grant programs and coordination with the Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Jim's portfolio also includes dam safety, levees, flood plain mapping and management, and the coastal erosion hazard area program – an overall area of responsibility that expanded dramatically after Superstorm Sandy. This includes the full array of flood mitigation and coastal hazard projects undertaken within New York in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Tierney also

oversees water supply assessments and permits, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Compact, reservoir releases and drought monitoring, and the like.

Jim represents of New York's interests on multiple interstate and international commissions with respect to the water quality and water resources of the Great Lakes, Long Island Sound, the New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary, the Susquehanna River Basin, Lake Champlain and the Delaware River Basin. He also oversees DEC's efforts on focused watershed programs aimed at protecting and improving such areas as the New York City drinking water supply and watershed, Lake Champlain, Chesapeake Bay, Long Island Sound, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, the Mohawk River Basin and the Hudson River Estuary.