

Michael Regan Secretary NC Department of Environmental Quality

Governor Roy Cooper appointed Michael S. Regan secretary of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality in January 2017.

Regan took over the leadership of the state's environmental agency after spending 18 years working on environmental regulatory and advocacy initiatives.



He served in numerous leadership roles for the Environmental Defense Fund. He also spent a decade with the EPA, working in the air quality and energy programs for both the Clinton and Bush administrations. Regan served as an EPA national program manager, designing programs aimed at reducing pollution and finding market-based solutions to improve energy efficiency and overcome climate-related challenges.

Regan has served on a number of boards and commissions focused on environmental issues, including the UNC School of Law Center for Climate, Energy, Environment and Economics, and the N.C. Energy Policy Council.

He is a native of Goldsboro and lives with his family in Raleigh.