

**Laurie Stevenson, Deputy Director for Business Relations
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As deputy director for business relations, Laurie Stevenson acts as a primary contact for regulated entities to help coordinate permitting activities within the Agency, particularly for complex projects requiring multiple permits. In addition, she serves as an Agency contact to help coordinate compliance assistance-related education and outreach activities. She also acts as the Agency's ombudsman in assisting regulated entities with problem-solving related to permitting and regulatory issues.

Stevenson has worked at Ohio EPA for 20 years. She most recently served as the director's industrial liaison and chief of the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP). OCAPP is an independent office within Ohio EPA that helps small businesses achieve compliance with environmental regulations and helps all businesses reduce waste. She continues to provide oversight of this office. Previously, Stevenson managed Ohio EPA's Small Business Assistance Office for six years. She also held positions in Ohio EPA's Division of Hazardous Waste Management, starting in the Southeast District Office as a hazardous waste field inspector.

Stevenson earned a bachelor's degree in environmental health from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in public health from The Ohio State University.