



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to share the news that President Biden has selected Casey Sixkiller to serve as our Regional Administrator for Region 10.

Casey brings two decades of experience working at the federal, Tribal, and local levels to EPA Region 10. Throughout his career, Casey crafted practical solutions to complex policy problems, defended Tribal sovereignty and treaty rights, secured millions in federal funding to meet local needs, and led large, complex organizations. He served as Deputy Mayor of the City of Seattle — the first Indigenous person in the City's 171-year history — and Chief Operating Officer of King County, overseeing the daily operations of the largest city and the largest county in Washington state. Casey began his career in public service in Washington, D.C., first working for then-U.S. Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) and later U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA). An enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Casey helped launch the Cherokee Nation's Washington Office in 2001, serving as the Nation's lead advocate before Congress and federal agencies. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, he is a graduate of Seattle Public Schools and Dartmouth College, but his proudest accomplishment is being the father of Anna, Sam, and Will.

Casey's knowledge and relationships on the federal, local, and Tribal levels will be a huge asset as he leads Region 10. I am grateful to have Casey join the team and I look forward to working with him to advance this administration's priorities, especially in communities that have been left behind for too long.

I also want to extend my thanks to Michelle Pirzadeh, who has been serving as our Acting Regional Administrator for Region 10. I am so appreciative of Michelle's service and will continue to call on her for her expertise and support as she returns to her role as Deputy Regional Administrator.

Please join me in thanking Michelle and in welcoming Casey to the EPA team.

Michael S. Regan
Administrator