

[DATE: Tuesday, October 29, 2002]

TO: DEQ Employees

FROM: Russell J. Harding, Director

SUBJECT: Division Chief Appointments

It is my pleasure to announce the following division chief appointments:

George Bruchmann has accepted the Waste and Hazardous Materials Division Chief position. He has served as the Assistant Chief of the Waste Management Division for the last six years. Prior to that, he served as Chief of the Radiological Health Division in the Department of Public Health. His appointment is effective immediately.

Amy Butler has accepted the Environmental Science and Services Division Chief position. Her broad experience in environmental protection programs makes her well suited to serve as chief of this division. Most recently she has served as Assistant Chief of the Geological Survey Division. Her previous positions included serving as MUSTFAA Fund Administrator and developing the department's bankruptcy cost recovery program. Her appointment is effective immediately.

G. Vinson Hellwig has accepted the Air Quality Division Chief position. He has 11 years of experience with the U.S. EPA, and is currently working with standards development in U.S. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards. Additionally, he has 19 years of experience with private consulting firms, specializing in environmental permitting. He has served as an Air Compliance Officer in U.S. EPA Region IV and began his career as an air permit engineer with the Alabama Air Pollution Control Commission. He has extensive knowledge of all facets of air regulatory programs and has dealt with a number of regional and state air regulatory programs. His appointment is effective December 1, 2002.

I want to extend my appreciation to all of the candidates who applied for these positions. A number of very good candidates were interviewed. This candidate pool was one of the strongest for division chief positions.

Please join with me in congratulating Amy, George, and Vinson on their appointments. I know that each of you will extend your full cooperation to the new division chiefs as they assume their new responsibilities.