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Susan Bodine, President Donald Trump's pick to run EPA's enforcement office, will begin at the agency on Tuesday as an adviser to Administrator Scott Pruitt.

The Senate has yet to confirm Bodine to the post of assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance. But in a staff [email](#) released by the watchdog group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, EPA chief of staff Ryan Jackson writes that Bodine will serve as a "special counsel to the administrator on compliance."

Jackson added that Lawrence Starfield, a career official, "remains the acting assistant administrator for enforcement and will work closely with Susan in her new role until the U.S. Senate confirms her." EPA did not immediately return a request for comment.

Bodine since 2015 has been chief counsel on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. She previously was in private practice, and served as the Senate-confirmed head of what is now EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management under George W. Bush. Although Sen. [Tom Carper](#), the top EPW Democrat, has praised Bodine personally, panel Democrats voted [against](#) her confirmation in July over a dispute with EPA about responding to letters from Democrats.

PEER blasted Bodine's hiring as an attempt to bypass Senate confirmation.

"Advice and consent of the Senate is not some formality or courtesy, it is a constitutional requirement," said Executive Director Jeff Ruch.

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