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EPA has picked an Xcel Energy executive to run the Region 8 office, which oversees Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and North and South Dakota.

Doug Benevento has been at Xcel since 2010, for most of that time as vice president of public affairs, according to his [LinkedIn profile](#). He previously was an attorney at the law firm Greenberg Traurig, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and an aide to former Sen. Wayne Allard (R-Co.).

He also served six years as an elected member of the Douglas County school board, and in 2013 was one beneficiary of a major push by the Koch brothers-connected Americans for Prosperity to get conservative voices elected to that board, as POLITICO [reported](#) at the time. Benevento [resigned](#) last year, [writing](#) that his "priorities have been largely accomplished."

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