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Michael Shapiro, the career official at the helm of EPA's water office, will retire at the end of the year, multiple water sector sources said today.

Shapiro has been deputy assistant administrator of the Office of Water since 2002.

He has been conducting much of the outreach with state water regulators as they wait for the Senate to confirm David Ross, a Wisconsin assistant attorney general, to be assistant administrator, said Julia Anastasio, executive director of the Association of Clean Water Administrators.

"It does mean that we lose a really informed and pragmatic voice in the office of water," Anastasio said. "Mike has been a great partner to the states who embodies cooperative federalism and he will definitely be missed by my members ... The rest of the career staff will, I am sure, continue Mike's efforts to work collaboratively with states, but the loss of his knowledge and experience will most certainly be felt."

Shapiro informed the agency of his plans earlier this month and called his 37 years at EPA a "great ride" in an email to colleagues shared with [E&E News](#).

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