

Chris Hladick's appointment as the new EPA Region 10 Director is good news to those in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska who believe that responsible and practical environmental protections and strong, healthy regional economies should and can go hand in hand. His twenty-five years as a municipal manager in Alaska provided Mr. Hladick the leadership role in multiple water, wastewater, electric utility, marine port and landfill projects that must navigate a complex and relatively cumbersome state and federal regulatory process. The significant permitting and regulatory experience combined with strong management skills that Mr. Hladick has gained along the way will serve Region 10 well.