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Georgia EPD Air Protection Branch Chief Resigns

The Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has announced the resignation of Heather Abrams, Chief of the agency's Air Protection Branch. EPD senior policy advisor Chuck Mueller has been named acting Air Protection Branch Chief.

"Heather has spent 13 years at EPD and has played an important role in our work to improve air quality in Georgia," said EPD Director Carol A. Couch. "I appreciate her hard work and dedication to environmental issues, and look forward to a smooth transition in leadership within the Air Protection Branch."

Mr. Mueller worked for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for 13 years where he held senior policy level and management positions directing Air, Water and Energy programs. He joined EPD in 2005 to work on energy and environmental policy issues and has worked on the development of the first comprehensive State Energy Strategy for Georgia.

Ms. Abrams served as the Air Protection Branch Permitting Program manager prior to being promoted to Branch Chief in 2006. She has accepted a position with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV office in Atlanta. The resignation is effective September 12.

The EPD Air Protection Branch is responsible for protecting Georgia's air quality through the regulation of emissions from industrial and mobile sources. The Branch also monitors levels of air pollutants throughout the State.

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