

Commissioners & Alternates

Susquehanna River Basin Commission



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Deputy Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment

Dr. Robert M. Summers was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment on January 19, 2007. Together with Secretary Shari T. Wilson, Dr. Summers, leads the Department's planning, regulatory, management and financing programs to protect public health, restore and protect air and water quality, clean up contaminated land and ensure proper management of hazardous and solid wastes, including direction of MDE's 1000 employees, \$111 million operating and \$191 million capital budgets. Dr. Summers is the Governor's representative on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. He is also the Department's representative on the Maryland Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee and the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State's Water Resources.

Dr. Summers has served the citizens of Maryland for nearly 24 years in various capacities within Maryland's progressive and nationally recognized environmental programs, with emphasis on scientific and technical issues related to water pollution control, drinking water protection and federal, State and local government environmental laws and regulations. Between 2001 and 2007, he served as the Director of MDE's Water Management Administration and prior to that served for 4 years as Director of MDE's Technical and Regulatory Services Administration. Throughout his career, Dr. Summers has been a key contributor the multi-jurisdictional Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.

Dr. Summers received his B.A. (1976) and Ph.D. (1981) in Environmental Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University. He worked as a research assistant at the Johns Hopkins University's Chesapeake Bay Institute and as a post-doctoral research associate at the State University of New York, Marine Sciences Research Center in Stony Brook, NY.