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Ohio EPA Director Korleski Submits Letter of Resignation

Effective on January 9, 2011

Today, Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski submitted his letter of resignation to Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. Director Korleski will remain with the Agency until January 9, 2011.

“I am extremely proud of our numerous accomplishments over the last four years,” Korleski said. “As I prepare to leave, I do so knowing that the Agency fulfilled its mission of protecting the environment and human health. I am thankful for the privilege of serving with the many fine men and women who make up the staff at Ohio EPA. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve Governor Strickland and the citizens of Ohio.”

Governor Ted Strickland appointed Korleski as director of the Ohio EPA on February 1, 2007. Prior to his appointment as director, he served as counsel to Honda of America Mfg., Inc. in Marysville, Ohio, providing comprehensive advice and representation in the areas of environmental, safety and HAZMAT law. Before working at Honda, Korleski was an assistant attorney general in the Ohio Attorney General's Environmental Enforcement Section, where he provided representation and counsel to Ohio EPA in various matters involving air pollution, water pollution and solid and hazardous waste. He later supervised the Ohio Attorney General's Clean Air Enforcement Program.

Director Korleski earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy from The Ohio State University College of Agriculture and a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Nebraska. He received his law degree from The Ohio State University.

To view the full text of Director Korleski's resignation letter, visit:
<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/33/documents/ckresignation.pdf>

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