

About Gina McCarthy



Gina McCarthy has served as the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since July 2013. Previously appointed by President Obama in 2009 as Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, Gina McCarthy has been a leading advocate for common-sense strategies to protect public health and the environment. During her tenure, McCarthy has taken the President's call to act on the climate and made it one of her top priorities for the EPA, most notably through the release of the Clean Power Plan and the Clean Water Rule. She also spearheads the agency's commitment to addressing environmental justice concerns and while focusing on making a visible difference in communities.

Prior to her appointment at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, McCarthy served as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. In her 30-year career, she has worked at both the state and local levels on critical environmental issues and helped coordinate policies on economic growth, energy, transportation and the environment. McCarthy oversaw the development of the first mercury and air toxics standards which delivered huge protections to wildlife like the bald eagle, as well as public health benefits for many Americans. The Administrator also helped design and implement strong national fuel economy standards and launched a successful No Child Left Inside program in Connecticut.

McCarthy received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and a joint Master of Science in Environmental Health Engineering and Planning and Policy from Tufts University.

When she is not in D.C., McCarthy lives in the Greater Boston area with her husband and two dogs, just a short bike ride away from their three children, Daniel, Maggie and Julie.

Quote Breakout:

"For the water in the rivers and lakes in our communities that flow to our drinking water to be clean, the streams and wetlands that feed them need to be clean too," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "Protecting our water sources is a critical component of adapting to climate change impacts like drought, sea level rise, stronger storms, and warmer temperatures – which is why EPA and the Army have finalized the Clean Water Rule to protect these important waters, so we can strengthen our economy and provide certainty to American businesses."