

Steven W. Lawitts
First Deputy Commissioner
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Steve Lawitts was appointed First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the largest public water and wastewater utility in the U.S., in August 2014. He also held this position from 2006 to 2008. He is responsible for a \$1.4 billion annual operating budget; a \$15 billion, 10-year capital budget; the billing and collection of \$3.8 billion in annual customer revenues from 836,000 customer accounts; procurement of \$1.5 billion in design and construction contracts and \$450 million in operating services and goods; human resources; labor relations; information technology; health and safety; fleet management and facilities maintenance. From 2010 to 2014, Steve was Chief Financial Officer and, from 2008 through 2009, he was Acting Commissioner.

Since May 2006, Steve has also been the Executive Director of the New York City Water Board, which sets water and sewer rates for all of DEP's retail and wholesale customers, and has served on the board of the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, which has more than \$30 billion in outstanding bonds to fund the capital investment in the water and wastewater systems.

Before DEP, Steve served as the Senior Vice President for the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA), overseeing a \$13 billion, five-year capital plan. Prior to SCA, Steve was Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Sanitation, planning and implementing productivity improvements, the privatization of waste-disposal services and the closure of the Fresh Kills landfill. He also spent fifteen years in the transportation sector at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

Steve is a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia University's Graduate School of Business.