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Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)

## **State Environmental Commissioners Elect New Leaders**

***Jackson Hole, Wyoming*** – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) is pleased to announce our new officers elected today at ECOS' Fall Meeting:

- President Todd Parfitt, Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality;
- Vice President Becky Keogh, Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and
- Secretary-Treasurer Jim Macy, Director of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

John Linc Stine, Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, fills out the officer roster as Past President.

Parfitt's areas of focus, with the ECOS membership and leaders, will include advancing the outcome-focused collaboration between states and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under ECOS' Cooperative Federalism 2.0 effort. He also will seek to expand the 2.0 framework to ECOS' work with other federal agencies. In addition, Parfitt will endeavor to enhance the process of measuring and assessing ECOS' accomplishments. He and the association plan to share state stories of environmental outcomes with the public through expansion of ECOSResults.org, a soon to be launched website which was largely developed during Stine's tenure and through higher level engagement with the environmental media. Finally, Parfitt will advance ECOS' focus on energy innovation and highlight how environmental agencies are playing key roles in this area.

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