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**KASICH NAMES BUTLER DIRECTOR OF OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY, HIMES INTERIM DIRECTOR OF OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich appointed Craig Butler director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Lance D. Himes as interim director of the Ohio Department of Health.

Butler has served as interim director of EPA since early January. Previously, he served as a senior policy advisor for the Administration on environmental, energy, public utility and agricultural issues, and worked closely with the corresponding agencies to help them accomplish their missions while working to improve Ohio's regulatory climate. A public servant of more than 24 years, Butler previously served as District Director of both Ohio EPA's Central District Office and its Southeast District Office. Butler earned his bachelor's degree in geography and environmental science from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, and his master's degree in environmental science from Ohio University. He is a board member of the Dangerous Wild Animal Board and is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Ohio Alliance for the Environment.

Lance Himes has been an attorney with the Ohio Department of Health for more than ten years where his work has focused on environmental health and compliance issues. Himes was named General Counsel at the Department of Health in October 2011. Before joining the department, Himes practiced law in Cincinnati for seven years. He graduated from Wittenberg University with a bachelor's degree majoring in business and geography and received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law. As interim director, Himes replaces Dr. Ted Wymyslo who recently decided to return to private medical practice.

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