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DENNIS HART NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHEMISTRY COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY

November 1, 2016 (Trenton, NJ) -- The CCNJ Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Dennis Hart as the Chemistry Council of New Jersey's new executive director.

Dennis Hart joins the CCNJ after six years with the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey (UTCA of NJ), where he is currently the director of utility operations.

In a career spanning more than thirty-five years, Dennis Hart spent a majority of it working at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection starting as an enforcement case manager in the Division of Water Resources, and rising to the rank of assistant commissioner of Environmental Regulation. He was later appointed administrator of the New Jersey Water Supply Program by Governor McGreevey to manage New Jersey's efforts in responding to one of the worst droughts in the state's history.

As assistant commissioner for Environmental Regulation, Dennis led a staff of 550 employees within the Divisions of Water Quality, Environmental Financing Program, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, Air Quality Permitting, Pollution Prevention and Permit Coordination, and the Environmental Safety Health and Analytical Programs, managing an operating budget of more than \$41 million.

In 2003, Mr. Hart was appointed executive director of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, where for seven years he managed a portfolio of loans and investments in excess of \$4 billion. During his tenure he completely transformed the program, which was recognized by the USEPA in 2007 with the Pisces Award for Clean Water Financing Innovation.

"Dennis has the right regulatory background and management experience that will help advance CCNJ's mission, and advocacy priorities," said Shawn Blythe, chairman of the CCNJ Executive Committee and Board of Directors. "I know that the entire Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and staff share my confidence that Dennis Hart will be an excellent addition to the CCNJ team."

Dennis Hart succeeds Hal Bozarth, who was CCNJ's executive director for more than thirty years until his passing on June 12, 2016.

Mr. Hart will assume his new role by mid-November, and will be the keynote speaker at CCNJ's [Plant Operations Management Workshop at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory](#) on December 6.

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