

Obama nominates attorney as EPA deputy administrator

Feb. 25 -- President Obama has nominated an attorney and professor of environmental law to be the new deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jon Cannon, director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program at the University of Virginia, would serve in the No. 2 spot at the EPA under Lisa Jackson, the new administrator. Cannon worked in numerous positions at the EPA during the Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Clinton administrations. He eventually rose to serve as the EPA's general counsel, but previously worked on legal issues involving civil enforcement, solid waste and emergency response.

Cannon earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and received a bachelor's degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

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