

## **Senate confirms two nominees for environmental posts**

Jan. 23 -- The U.S. Senate confirmed two of President Obama's picks for high-level environmental posts last night.

Senators, in a voice vote, confirmed Lisa Jackson, of New Jersey, as Environmental Protection Agency administrator, and Nancy Sutley, of California, as White House Council on Environmental Quality chairwoman.

Jackson previously worked for 16 years in various positions at the EPA before heading the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and then becoming Gov. Jon Corzine's chief of staff.

Sutley most recently served as deputy mayor of Los Angeles for energy and environmental issues and previously was an advisor to then California Gov. Gray Davis.

"I am really pleased that the Senate has taken the first steps toward restoring the EPA and CEQ to their proper role as organizations that fight to protect the health of our families and the safety of our air, our water and our planet," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said following the confirmation votes.

Boxer heads the Senate environment committee, which held hearings earlier this month on their nominations.

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