

MIGUEL I. FLORES BIO

Miguel Flores is the Director, Water Quality Protection Division, and is responsible for overseeing state and tribal water quality and safe drinking water programs under the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, respectively. He is also responsible for overseeing the water infrastructure program along the U.S.-Mexico border, which includes oversight of grants to the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC) and the North American Development Bank, and the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds used by states and tribes for the design and construction of water infrastructure projects. He is also responsible for projects to abate coastal Louisiana land loss under the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. He represents Region 6 on EPA's Human Resources Council and serves as the Federal co-chair for the Texas-Coahuila-Nuevo Leon-Tamaulipas Regional Workgroup under EPA's US-Mexico Border 2012 program.

Prior to this appointment in 2002, Mr. Flores spent 18 years in various capacities with the Air Resources Division of the National Park Service in Denver, Colorado. During his tenure he established a nationwide air pollution and meteorological network in national parks, helped develop national policies and guidelines related to air pollution impacts in parks, and managed special studies, such as those involving the air quality impact of snowmobiles emissions in Yellowstone National Park and visibility impairment at Big Bend National Park due to the long-range transport of air pollutants. Before joining the Park Service, Mr. Flores served as a statistician and air quality specialist with EPA Region 6. He also worked as an environmental consultant for two years assisting EPA implement the Prevention of Significant Deterioration air permitting program under the Clean Air Act.

Mr. Flores received his B.S. degree in mathematics from Texas Tech University, his M.S. in mathematical statistics from Southern Methodist University, and has taken graduate courses in Environmental Sciences and Computer Science at the University of Texas at Dallas. He is a graduate of Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellows Program and a member of Senior Executive Service. Mr. Flores served as a member of the U.S. armed forces and has taught mathematics at junior colleges in Texas.

Mr. Flores and his wife Barbara have three grown children and two grandchildren. He is a native of Laredo, Texas.