

## **G. Tracy Mehan, III**

### **Keynote Speaker Great Lake Gatherings in Milwaukee and Green Bay**

G. Tracy Mehan, III, is an attorney who has worked on natural resources and environmental issues for more than 20 years. He is a principal in the consulting firm The Cadmus Group, with offices across the United States. The Cadmus Group helps governments, nonprofits and corporate clients address critical challenges in the environmental and energy sectors. Their major service areas include Water, Energy Services, Social Marketing and Communications, Green Building, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Management and International Development.

From 2001- 2003 Mr. Mehan served as Assistant Administrator for Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he directed both the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts programs that included permitting, infrastructure finance, wetlands regulation, standards and watershed management. In addition, he developed new policies and provided guidance on watershed-based permitting and water quality trading. He also served as Environmental Stewardship Counselor to the 2004 G-8 Summit Planning Organization.

Prior to his tenure at the EPA, Mr. Mehan served as director of the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes and was a member of Governor John Engler's Cabinet from 1993-2001. He represented the state of Michigan in all matters relating to Great Lakes Water diversions under the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 and the Great Lakes Charter. He also led the Michigan negotiating team during the mediation of disputes relating to exceedances of the Supreme Court mandated limits on the Chicago Diversion of Lake Michigan water.

In addition, he served as Michigan's representative on the Great Lakes Commission and the Water Quality Board of the International Joint Commission established under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 between the U.S. and Canada. And, he chaired the Michigan Mercury Pollution Prevention Task Force which negotiated a phase out of 9.8 metric tons of mercury used in auto switches annually by the Big Three auto companies.

Prior to his service for the state of Michigan, Mr. Mehan served briefly as Associate Deputy Administrator of EPA in 1992, and also served as director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and a member of Governor John Ashcroft's Cabinet from 1989 to 1992. He managed the Missouri's environmental, parks, historic preservation, geology and other programs and represented the state in its negotiations over the management of the Missouri River, and the development of a proposed Master Manual, regarding the water divisions that included the tribal reserved water rights that had an impact on main stem flows downstream.

He is the recipient of the 2004 Environment Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) and the 2003 Elizabeth Jester Fellows Environmental Partnership Award from the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators

Mr. Mehan serves on the Committee on the Mississippi River and the Clean Water Act for the National Research Council of the National Academies, and is a member of the Environmental Law Institute, the Water Environment Federation, and the Potomac Conservancy.

Mr. Mehan graduated from St. Louis University's School of Law and is an Adjunct Professor in Environmental Law at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

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