

## **Gingles named assistant secretary for Office of Environmental Assessment**



*LDEQ Assistant Secretary Roger Gingles, Office of Environmental Assessment*

Roger Gingles, executive management officer with LDEQ's Office of Environmental Assessment, was named assistant secretary for that office Aug. 30. In his new capacity, Roger will oversee the Air Planning and Assessment Division, the Remediation Division, the Water Planning and Assessment Division and the Underground Storage Tanks Division.

He had served as an executive management officer in the Office of Environmental Assessment since the reactivation of the office by LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown.

"We interviewed several outstanding candidates for this position, but Roger's knowledge, experience and training stood out," Brown said. "I believe he will be a great addition to the LDEQ executive staff."

Gingles returned to LDEQ in 2017 after retiring in 2013. In his 27 years with LDEQ, Gingles started out as an environmental scientist, moving up the ranks to senior scientist, program manager and assistant administrator. His experience at LDEQ includes assignments within several areas, including water quality, solid waste, legal affairs and remediation. He also was the state Brownfields coordinator for about 12 years. Prior to working at LDEQ, Gingles was a

sanitarian with the Louisiana Department of Health for three and a half years, so his career encompasses more than 30 years in the health and environmental protection field.

“I am proud to be back at LDEQ, and I look forward to working with the department staff as well as our local, state and federal environmental partners in support of our mission to protect Louisiana’s air, water and soil,” Gingles said.

Gingles holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from LSU Shreveport and a Master of Science in public health from Tulane University.