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Lisa P. Jackson

President Barack Obama appointed **Lisa P. Jackson** as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2009 — the first African American to hold the position. As Administrator, she focused on reducing greenhouse gases, protecting air and water quality, preventing exposure to toxics, and advancing environmental justice by expanding outreach to underserved communities and communities of color.

Lisa grew up in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, an area struck repeatedly by hurricanes in the last 100 years. As an engineering student at Tulane University, Lisa was involved with air quality issues and pollution prevention. She saw the impact of pollution and industrial waste on the Mississippi River firsthand.



The Environmental Law Institute gave its 2018 Environmental Achievement Award to her for outstanding leadership. Today, she is Apple's Vice President of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives. She is also the head of Apple's newly announced Racial Equity and Justice Initiative.

MWRD Commissioner Cameron Davis was honored to serve as Lisa's advisor for Great Lakes issues, where she made a big impact by starting up the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for the first time, a program that continues to help the world's largest fresh surface water body even today.