

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### **Catherine Heigel**

*Director*

*South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control*

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Catherine Heigel is the director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Appointed to the position by the South Carolina board of health and environmental control, she assumed her duties as agency director in June 2015.

A South Carolina native, Heigel holds more than 19 years of combined legal, regulatory, and executive management experience. Before joining DHEC, she served as general counsel and corporate strategies officer for Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC. As general counsel and corporate strategies officer, Heigel was responsible for managing the firm's legal, mergers and acquisitions, and

compliance functions.

Prior to her role at Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC, Heigel spent 11 years with Duke Energy, serving in various capacities to her last role with the company as president of their South Carolina operations. During her tenure at Duke Energy, she established the first South Carolina state president's organization and worked with her team to manage the company's regulatory initiatives and strategy in South Carolina. Following her time with the company, Heigel held a position as executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary at the American Transmission Company, an electric transmission utility based in Wisconsin.

Heigel earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina, and her law degree from The Ohio State University School of Law.

A mother of three, she currently lives in Greenville, South Carolina.