



JONATHAN BINDER

Jon Binder is the DEC Deputy Commissioner, where he oversees the Division of Air Resources and its Office of Climate Change. He is responsible for the development and execution of a wide range of efforts to reduce air pollutant emissions and help achieve the State's climate and clean energy policies. Jon is leading DEC's implementation of the State's ambitious and nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, most notably through the development of New York's economywide cap-and-invest program. He is also responsible for DEC's regulatory and permitting activities under the federal Clean Air Act and leads participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as well as serving as Secretary of RGGI, Inc. Board of Directors.

Previously Jon served for 15 years as DEC's lead attorney regarding climate change issues, most recently as Chief of the Bureau of Climate, Air, and Energy in DEC's Office of General Counsel. He provided legal support for all aspects of DEC's efforts to address climate change through reducing emissions and increasing resiliency, including participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as well as other regulatory programs including and Community Protection Act. Jon also represented DEC in administrative proceedings at both the State and federal levels regarding proposed energy projects. This included proposals for wind and solar farms, hydroelectric facilities, electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, and fossil fuel-fired generation.

Jonathan Binder is a graduate of Cornell University and Tulane University Law School.

Prior to being appointed Deputy Commissioner in Spring 2023, Jon served as a DEC attorney for 15 years. Jon focused on climate change issues as a lawyer too, most recently as Chief of the Bureau of Climate, Air, and Energy in DEC's Office of General Counsel. Jon is a graduate of Cornell University and Tulane University Law School. He resides in Alb