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### USDA Rural Development Announces Executive Leadership Changes

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 25, 2020** – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand today announced that Scott Barringer has been selected to serve as Acting Assistant Administrator of Water & Environmental Programs (WEP) following the departure of Edna Primrose.

Scott has served with USDA Rural Development for over thirty-five years, and is currently the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water & Environmental Programs. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech, and holds a degree in Agricultural Economics.

Edna will be returning to the private sector to continue her passion as a champion for rural and marginalized communities. Edna leaves federal service after a fourteen-year career as a public servant. Edna began her service at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a summer intern in the 1980s, then several years at the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps, where she finished as National Director for the agency.

In 2012, Edna came to USDA Rural Development, where she has served as Chief Operating Officer, Deputy Administrator for Operations and Management, and finishes her time as the Assistant Administrator for Water and Environmental Programs.

Under her leadership in FY2020, the WEP team produced tangible results to benefit rural America despite the COVID-19 pandemic. WEP's comprehensive collaboration with state offices and partners led to the investment of \$2.09 billion for approximately 800 rural water/waste infrastructure projects, impacting 2.12 million rural citizens. We are grateful for her long and faithful service to the public.

Barringer will begin his new role on December 1.

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