

S. William Becker

Bill Becker is the Executive Director of NACAA, the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, an association of state and local air pollution control agencies in 42 states, the District of Columbia, 116 metropolitan areas across the country, and 4 territories. NACAA's members have primary responsibility under the Clean Air Act for implementing our nation's air pollution control programs.

Mr. Becker has been NACAA's first and only Executive Director since he established in 1980 the association's headquarters office in Washington, D.C. He serves as the association's chief spokesperson and liaison with Congress, representatives of elected state and local officials, federal officials, and public and private interest groups, with the goal of giving state and local air regulators an effective voice in the development and implementation of clean air laws, regulations and policies. In addition, he manages all aspects of NACAA's efforts related to an array of critical air quality issues, including health-based air quality standards, global warming, toxic air pollution, motor vehicles, energy and enforcement.

Mr. Becker has received a number of awards. He was named by the Hill newspaper in 2013 as "one of the 100 people you can't ignore this fall if you're wondering how events in Congress and the White House will play out." He has received the S. Smith Griswold Outstanding Air Pollution Control Official Award and was named by *Scientific American* magazine as one of our nation's top environmental policy leaders. In addition, he oversaw his association's Multi-State Clean Diesel Initiative, which received a cash award in 2002 as part of Harvard's *Innovations in American Government*.

Prior to joining NACAA, Mr. Becker worked for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, and directed the environmental affairs departments for two national associations. He received a Civil Engineering degree in 1971 from Syracuse University, and a Masters degree in 1973 in Environmental Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University.