



Biography

Energy and Environment Cabinet



DR. LEONARD PETERS

Cabinet Secretary
Commonwealth of Kentucky
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Gov. Steve Beshear's choice to oversee Kentucky's energy and environmental protection program is an internationally renowned chemical engineer with demonstrated leadership in research, academia, and management.

Dr. Leonard Peters served for the past five years with Battelle Memorial Institute, a leading non-profit applied science and technology development company.

During his tenure at Battelle, Dr. Peters was senior vice president and director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, where he oversaw a staff of 4,200. Under his leadership, he realigned the laboratory's research priorities to meet the needs of its diverse customer base.

Dr. Peters has held senior academic and administrative positions at leading universities, including Virginia Tech and the University of Kentucky. He holds a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and is a prolific author and lecturer.

Dr. Peters has been recognized for his achievements with honors ranging from the National Science Foundation Award to the Oak Ridge Associated Universities' Outstanding Leadership Award.