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Ben R. Wagner Sworn In as TVA Inspector General

KNOXVILLE, TN — Ben R. Wagner officially assumed his role as Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority today after taking the oath of office in a ceremony in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Wagner was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden on October 6, 2021, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 26, 2022. He was sworn into office by United States District Court Judge Katherine A. Crytzer.

“The Tennessee Valley Authority Office of Inspector General’s mission is to promote excellence in TVA through the conduct of independent investigations, audits, and evaluations designed to promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness and prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse,” said Wagner. “By conducting rigorous oversight, the Office of Inspector General will play a critical role in ensuring that the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to foster and earn the public’s trust. I am also excited to once again work together with the experienced, dedicated team of the TVA Office of the Inspector General, with whom I worked for more than three decades.”

Ben Wagner’s professional career with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) spanned 38 years of dedicated service. The majority of his career included 31 years of service to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at TVA. Prior to his retirement in 2017, he served in several senior executive positions in the TVA OIG including the role of Senior Advisor, Stakeholder Relations and Deputy Inspector General where he led the audits, evaluations, investigations, and administrative functions. In addition to these senior executive roles, Wagner held several leadership positions in the audits, evaluations, and administrative functions with the TVA OIG and was integral to the start-up of the office after it was established at TVA in 1985. In the seven years before joining the TVA OIG, Wagner also held various management and staff positions in TVA, primarily in the nuclear power program. Prior to that, he served as a state auditor for the State of Tennessee.

Wagner was born in New Mexico but has resided in the Tennessee Valley region for the majority of his life, receiving his bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee.

The Office of Inspector General provides independent oversight of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power companies serving nearly 10 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.



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