

## **Biographical Sketches – Jim Gulliford**

### **Long Bio**

Jim Gulliford serves as Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society – a professional society dedicated to promoting the science and art of natural resource conservation. Before joining the Soil and Water Conservation Society, He served 2.5 years in Washington, DC as EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances. There he was responsible for the protection of public health and the environment from potential risks of pesticides and chemicals. Prior to moving to EPA headquarters, he was EPA Regional Administrator for Region 7 in Kansas City from 2001-2006. He was responsible for implementing the authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas, and the nine (9) tribal nations within those four state boundaries.

He began his natural resources management career with a 1973 BS in forestry management and a 1975 MS in forestry economics and marketing; both from Iowa State University. From 1975 – 1981 he worked at Iowa State University and Southern Illinois University in coal mining reclamation and environmental protection programs. In 1982, he became Director of Iowa's Department of Soil Conservation. In that position he was responsible for the development and management of soil conservation, water quality and mining regulation programs for the State of Iowa. He was named Director of the Division of Soil Conservation when the Department of Soil Conservation was merged into the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in 1986 and continued directing soil and water conservation programs in Iowa until joining the EPA in 2001.

### **Short Bio**

Jim Gulliford has more than 30 years professional experience administering natural resource protection programs in agriculture, mining and for the Environmental Protection Agency. He began his career working in mining and reclamation programs at Iowa State University and later at Southern Illinois University. He directed soil and water conservation programs for the State of Iowa from 1982 – 2001 before joining the Environmental Protection Agency as Region 7 Administrator in Kansas City. From there he moved to Washington, DC as EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances. He currently is Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society – a professional society dedicated to promoting the science and art of natural resource conservation.