



Timing of U.S. EPA Nominations & Confirmations in Past Presidential Transitions

This document, developed by the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA), provides information on post-inauguration timing for announcements, nominations, and confirmations for key U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) positions during a presidential transition. Based on nominee records from [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov), United States Senate Archives, and U.S. EPA press releases, this resource includes historic timelines for the following positions:

- U.S. EPA Administrator (since 1977);
- U.S. EPA Deputy Administrator (since 1977);
- U.S. EPA General Counsel (since 1983);
- Assistant Administrator for U.S. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) (since 1981); and,
- Assistant Administrator for U.S. EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) (since 1983).

For each position, a table lists the incoming president and individual nominee along with individual and average nomination and confirmation dates as well as the number of days from nomination to confirmation. Confirmation dates are hyperlinked to the Congressional Record for reference and, when available, links are provided to U.S. EPA biographical sketches.

A graph is also included for each office that illustrates the nomination process over time. Each administration has a blue dot (nomination) and green dot (confirmation) connected by a line showing the time scale. The average nomination date (blue) and average confirmation date (green) are shown as horizontal lines. The date of inauguration (always January 20) is included as a dashed line for reference.

Additional Notes

For U.S. EPA Administrators, the announcement date provided in U.S. Senate records is listed, which is the date the President-elect publicly announced an intention to nominate and typically done ahead of inauguration day (with the U.S. Senate formally receiving nominations on January 20). For all other offices listed below, the nomination date referenced is when the nomination was formally received by the U.S. Senate.

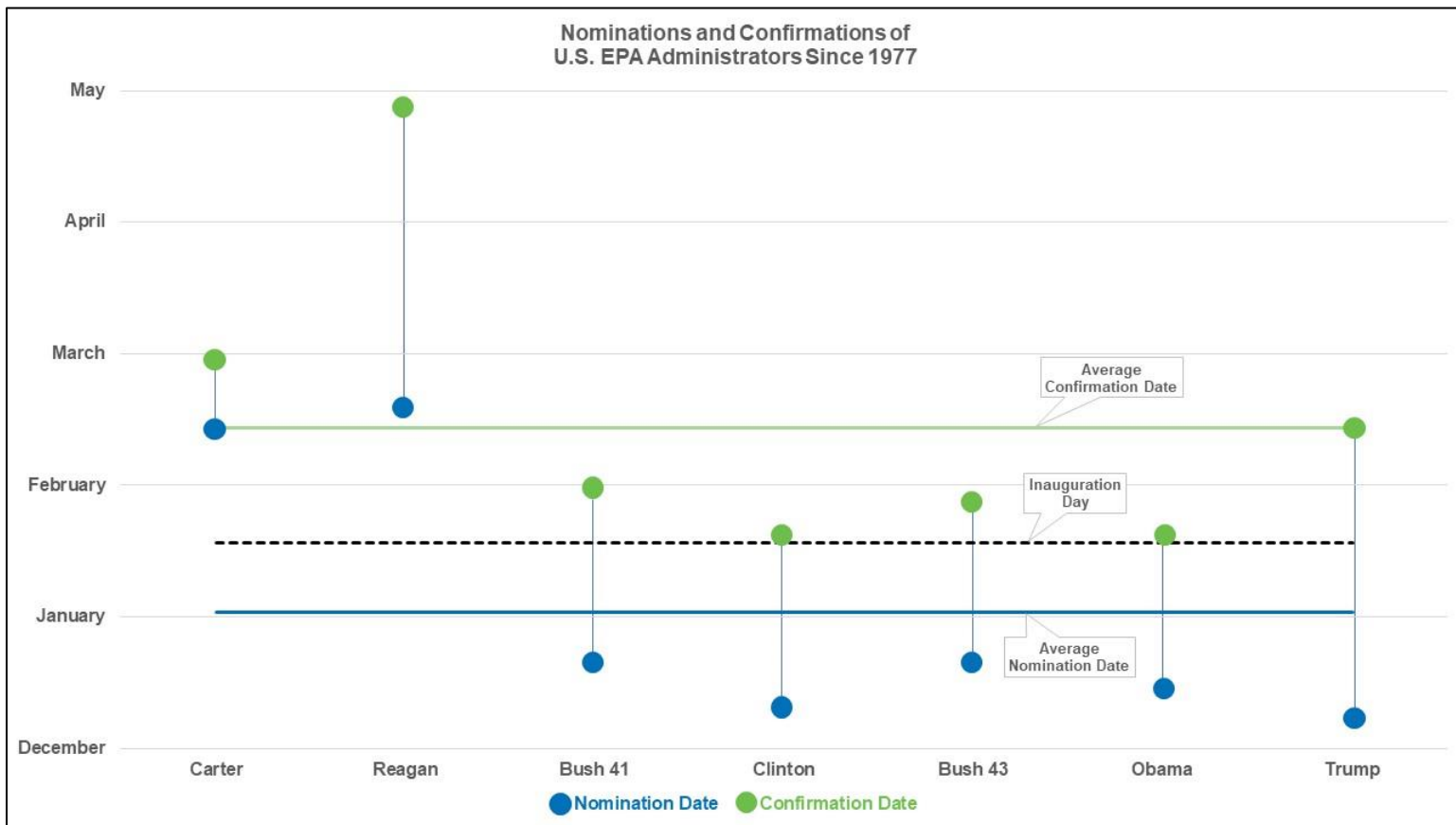
The chronology for the position of Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance (OECA) does not include Courtney M. Price because the position was created in 1983 in the middle of a presidential term. Additionally, the OECA chronology contains a significant outlier, as President Bush did not submit his nomination to the U.S. Senate until April of the second year of his presidency. Similarly, for U.S. EPA General Counsel, the chronology does not include A. James Barnes because the position was created in 1983 in the middle of a presidential term.

AAPCA Background

AAPCA is a national, non-profit, consensus-driven organization focused on assisting state and local air quality agencies and personnel with implementation and technical issues associated with the federal Clean Air Act. Created in 2012, AAPCA represents 48 state and local air pollution control agencies, and senior officials from 23 state environmental agencies currently sit on the AAPCA Board of Directors. More information on AAPCA is available at www.cleanairact.org.

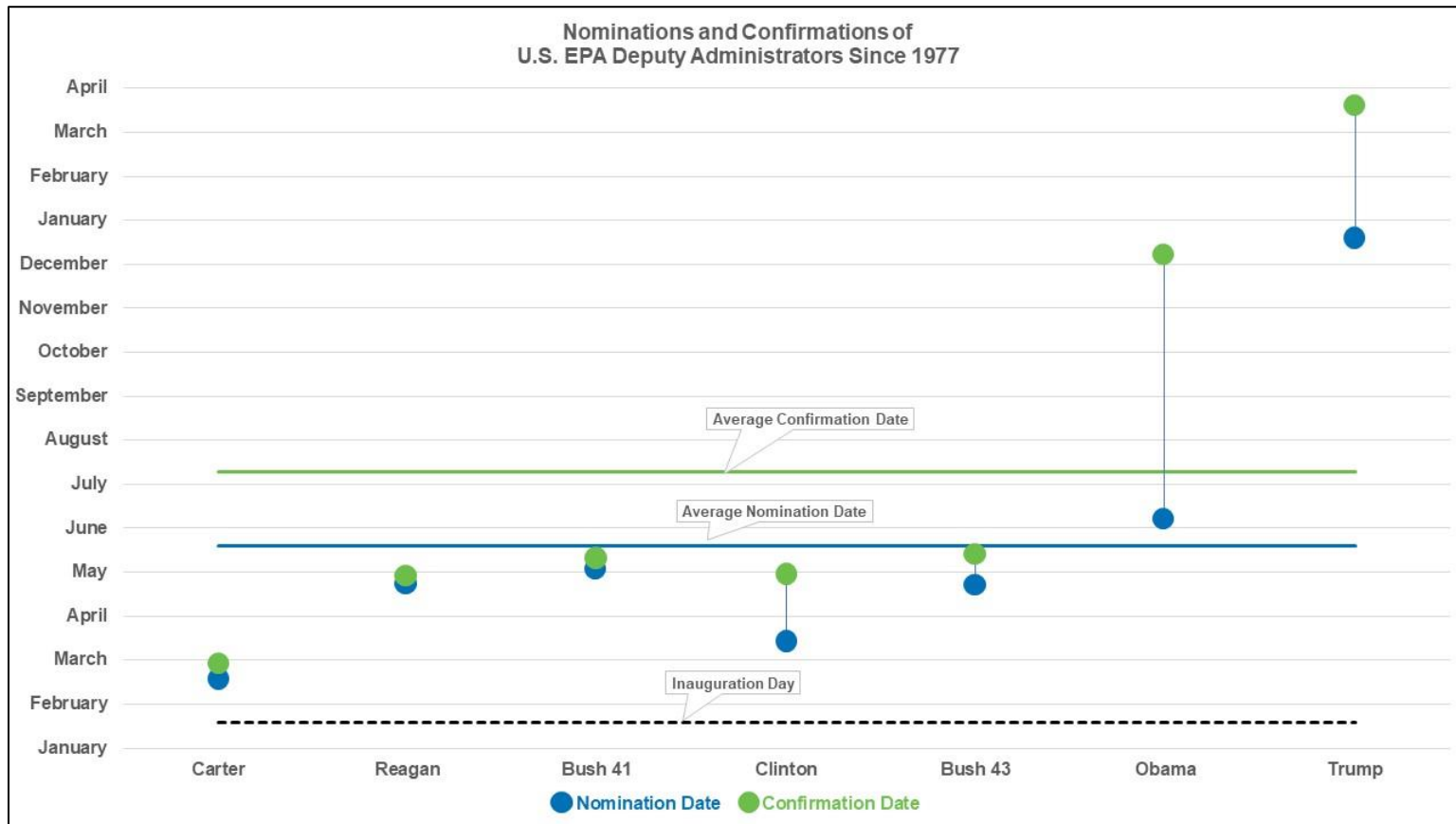
U.S. EPA Administrator Chronology

Incoming President	First EPA Administrator	Announcement Date*	Confirmation Date	Number of Days
Jimmy Carter	Douglas M. Costle	February 16, 1977	March 4, 1977	16
Ronald Reagan	Anne M. Gorsuch	February 21, 1981	May 5, 1981	73
George H.W. Bush	William K. Reilly	December 22, 1988	February 2, 1989	42
Bill Clinton	Carol M. Browner	December 10, 1992	January 21, 1993	42
George W. Bush	Christine Todd Whitman	December 22, 2000	January 30, 2001	39
Barack Obama	Lisa P. Jackson	December 15, 2008	January 22, 2009	38
Donald Trump	Scott Pruitt	December 7, 2016	February 17, 2017	72
Average		January 3	February 17	46



U.S. EPA Deputy Administrator Chronology

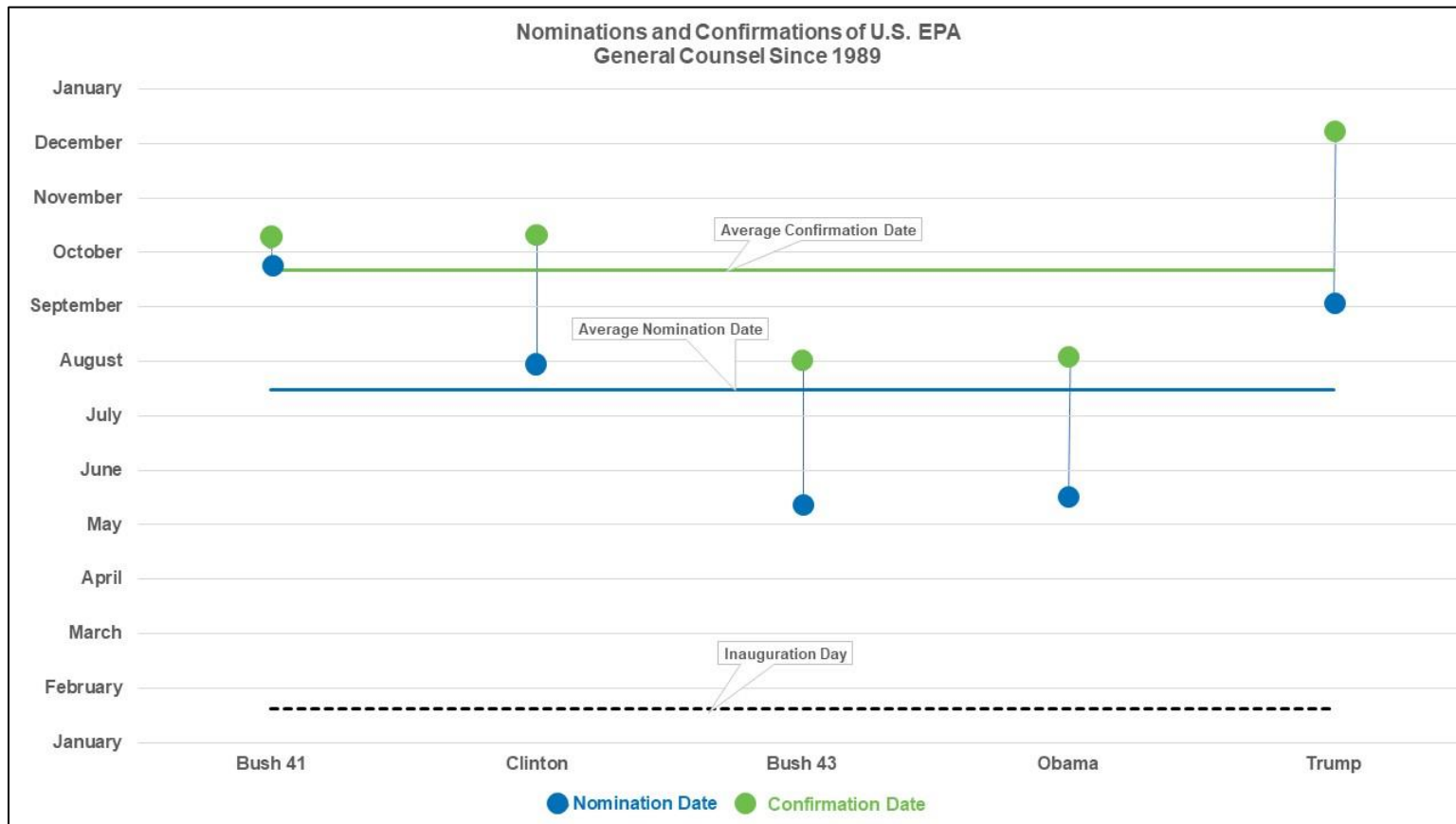
Incoming President	First Deputy Administrator	Nomination Received	Confirmation Date	Number of Days
Jimmy Carter	Barbara Blum	February 16, 1977	March 4, 1977	16
Ronald Reagan	John W. Hernandez, Jr.	May 4, 1981	May 5, 1981	1
George H.W. Bush	F. Henry Habicht II	May 10, 1989	May 18, 1989	8
Bill Clinton	Robert M. Sussman	March 17, 1993	May 6, 1993	50
George W. Bush	Linda J. Fisher	April 30, 2001	May 24, 2001	24
Barack Obama	Bob Perciasepe	June 18, 2009	December 24, 2009	189
Donald Trump	Andrew Wheeler	January 8, 2018	April 12, 2018	94
Average		May 27	July 20	54



U.S. EPA General Counsel Chronology

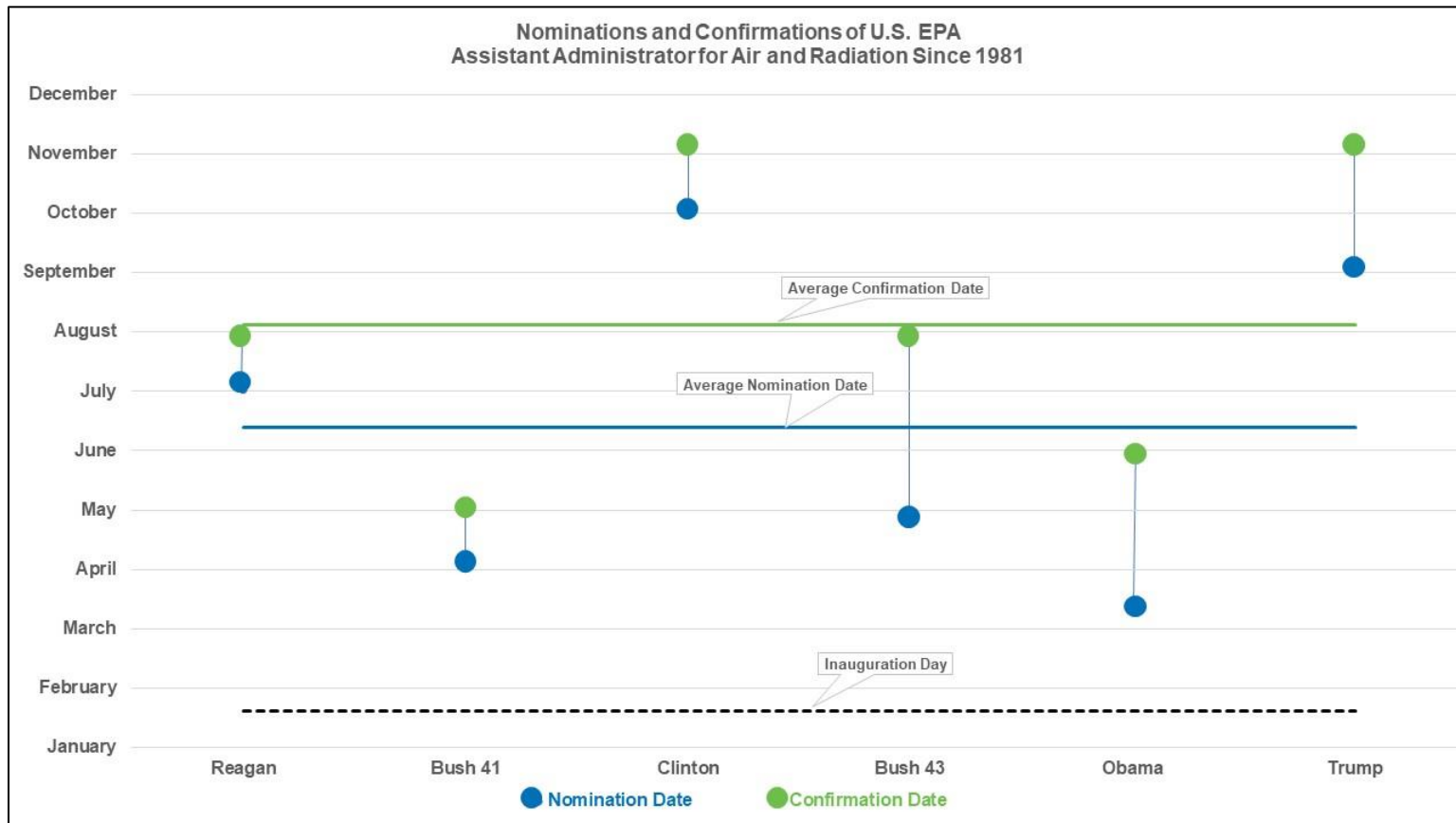
Incoming President	First General Counsel	Nomination Received	Confirmation Date	Number of Days
Ronald Reagan	A. James Barnes	September 20, 1983*	October 7, 1983*	17
George H.W. Bush	E. Donald Elliott	September 27, 1989	October 10, 1989	13
Bill Clinton	Jean C. Nelson	August 4, 1993	October 15, 1993	72
George W. Bush	Robert E. Fabricant	May 17, 2001	August 3, 2001	78
Barack Obama	Scott Fulton	May 20, 2009	August 7, 2009	79
Donald Trump	Matthew Z. Leopold	September 5, 2017	December 14, 2017	100
Average		July 20	September 26	60

*The average date for Nomination Received and Confirmation Date does not include A. James Barnes, as the position was created in 1983, in the middle of a presidential term.



U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Air & Radiation (OAR) Chronology

Incoming President	First Assistant Administrator, OAR	Nomination Received	Confirmation Date	Number of Days
Ronald Reagan	Kathleen M. Bennett	July 6, 1981	July 31, 1981	25
George H.W. Bush	William G. Rosenberg	April 4, 1989	May 4, 1989	30
Bill Clinton	Mary Dolores Nichols	October 7, 1993	November 8, 1993	32
George W. Bush	Jeffrey R. Holmstead	April 30, 2001	August 3, 2001	95
Barack Obama	Gina McCarthy	March 16, 2009	June 2, 2009	78
Donald Trump	William L. Wehrum	September 7, 2017	November 9, 2017	63
Average		June 16	August 9	54



U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement & Compliance Assurance (OECA) Chronology
(or equivalent office)

Incoming President	First Assistant Administrator, OECA	Nomination Received	Confirmation Date	Number of Days
Ronald Reagan	Courtney M. Price	September 26, 1983*	October 28, 1983*	32
George H.W. Bush	James Strock	August 4, 1989	November 19, 1989	107
Bill Clinton	Steven Alan Herman	April 2, 1993	May 28, 1993	56
George W. Bush	John Peter Suarez	April 9, 2002**	August 1, 2002**	114
Barack Obama	Cynthia J. Giles	March 23, 2009	May 12, 2009	50
Donald Trump	Susan Parker Bodine	May 16, 2017	December 7, 2017	205
Average		July 16	October 30	94

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**The average date contains a significant outlier in that President Bush did not submit his nomination to the U.S. Senate until April of the second year of his presidency.

