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## **Niagara Falls Water Board Announces Upcoming National Search for Executive Director Position**

*Lab Director Patrick Fama will handle interim organizational management duties, as Rolfe Porter departs following decision to not seek contract renewal*

**Niagara Falls, NY** – The Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB) has announced the appointment of Patrick Fama as Acting Executive Director, following the receipt of notice from incumbent Executive Director Rolfe Porter regarding his decision to not seek employment agreement renewal upon its expiration.

As a result, the NFWB will also proceed with a nationwide search for a new Executive Director, which is a process that is expected to take several months. The appointment of Fama, who will be eligible to apply for the permanent position, will allow for a smooth transition and transfer of institutional knowledge, with Porter available to provide advice and assistance.

An NFWB employee for over 25 years, Fama is currently the organization's Microbiologist and Director of the Water Treatment Plant Laboratory. He holds a NYS Grade 1A Water Treatment Plant Operator License, and is a City of Niagara Falls native, with an environmental biology degree from the SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry.

"I look forward to working with Patrick Fama, whose technical background and intimate familiarity with NFWB operations makes him an excellent choice for Acting Executive Director to continue to improve the Niagara Falls Water Board's operations and administrative competency," said NFWB Chairman Dan O'Callaghan.

"I appreciate the opportunity to assist the NFWB during this time of transition, and plan to use my knowledge and experience in working to continue making this organization more efficient, responsive, and effective," said Fama.

"It has been an honor to serve as the NFWB's Executive Director for the last two years," said Porter.

Updates on the Executive Director national search and recruitment effort will be provided as the process moves forward.

For more information on the NFWB, go to: [www.NFWB.org](http://www.NFWB.org).

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