

## DAKOTAS AREA MANAGER ARDEN FREITAG



Arden Freitag is the Area Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota, with additional Field offices in Rapid City and Pierre, South Dakota.

Freitag oversees all aspects of planning, construction, operation and maintenance, resource and land management, fish and wildlife, and environmental matters involving the management, development and protection of water and related resources in the Dakotas. Freitag's office is also involved with U.S., North Dakota and Canada international transboundary issues.

Freitag began his federal career in 1982 as a Hydraulic Engineer for Reclamation in Bismarck, North Dakota. While he took a break from Federal service to further his experience in the private sector and North Dakota State University, Arden returned to Reclamation in 1988 at Oakes, North Dakota where he managed the field office and irrigation facility operations. He has held various positions in multiple divisions within the Dakotas Area Office, including Chief of Facilities Management and Rural Water Manager. Freitag directed operations and maintenance of Reclamation's North Dakota dams, irrigation, and Garrison Diversion supply works. He also led the construction and operation and maintenance of rural water projects in the Dakotas that serve over more than 650,000 people. Arden has also served as the Dakota Area Office Deputy Area Manager.

Arden received the Department of the Interior Superior Service Award in 2009 and the North Dakota Water Users Water Wheel Award in 2014. In 2017, he received the Distinguished Service Award, presented by the Upper Missouri Water Association, recognizing a high level of integrity from a career employee with exemplary performance for their field.

Arden earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Agricultural Engineering from North Dakota State University and is a registered professional engineer.

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