



Gene L. Dodaro
Government Accountability Office
Comptroller General of the United States

Gene L. Dodaro became the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on December 22, 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He was nominated by President Obama in September of 2010 from a list of candidates selected by a bipartisan, bicameral congressional commission. He had been serving as Acting Comptroller General since March of 2008.

Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues, including the nation's long term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce and eliminate overlap and duplication across the federal government and GAO's "High Risk List" that focuses on specific challenges—from reducing improper payments under Medicare and Medicaid to improving the Pentagon's business practices. In addition, Mr. Dodaro continues to develop GAO's efforts to meet the needs of Congress in such areas as science, technology and cybersecurity.

As Comptroller General, Mr. Dodaro helps oversee the development and issuance of hundreds of reports and testimonies each year to various committees and individual Members of Congress. These and other GAO products have led to hearings and legislation, billions of dollars in taxpayer savings, and improvements to a wide range of government programs and services.

Mr. Dodaro recently was interviewed for the podcast "[The Engine of Democracy](#)," produced by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, where he discussed the independent oversight role of GAO.

Mr. Dodaro is married to the former Joan McCabe and has three adult children.



Mark Gaffigan
Natural Resources & Environment
Managing Director

Mark Gaffigan is the Managing Director of the US Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) team. The NRE team is responsible for GAO's oversight of federal efforts to sustain the nation's land and water resources, fulfill its responsibilities for Tribal and Native American Issues, protect the environment, ensure food safety, manage agricultural programs, ensure a reliable and sustainable energy supply and address US and international nuclear security and cleanup. He is also leads GAO's collaboration and knowledge sharing efforts with other national audit offices on environmental and extractive industries auditing. Mark joined GAO in 1987. He holds a master's degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Illinois. In 1999, Mark passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam in the State of Maryland. Mark is assigned to GAO's Washington, DC office and lives near Frederick, Maryland with his wife and family.



Anna Maria Ortiz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources & Environment
Director

Anna Maria Ortiz is a Director in GAO's Natural Resources and Environment team. She oversees GAO's portfolio focused on Tribal and Native American Issues, identifying opportunities to improve the function and financial efficacy of federal programs that serve Tribes and their members. Dr. Ortiz coordinates efforts to enhance GAO's capacity for working on Tribal and Native American Issues and collaborates throughout GAO on reviews of tribal programs related to health, education, energy, justice, child welfare,

infrastructure and economic development. Dr. Ortiz joined GAO in 2005 as a statistician for GAO's Applied Research and Methods team. Prior to her current position, Dr. Ortiz also worked as an Acting Director in GAO's Financial Markets and Community Investment Team. Dr. Ortiz is an adjunct faculty member with GAO's Learning Center, and has taught courses in statistical modeling, sampling and diversity and inclusion. Before joining GAO, she was a civil rights analyst at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a study director at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Ortiz earned her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in political science from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in political economy from Princeton University.



Tammy Conquest
Natural Resources & Environment
Assistant Director

Tammy Conquest helps conduct GAO's oversight of Interior's trust function and federal agencies' implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act within the Tribal and Native American Issues portfolio. Since joining GAO, she has developed extensive experience in auditing federal programs related to telecommunications, aviation, homeland security and tribal issues. Tammy graduated from Hampton University with a BA in Political Science and completed post graduate work at George Washington University. Tammy currently lives in the Washington, DC area.



Paige Gilbreath
Natural Resources & Environment
Assistant Director

Paige Gilbreath's portfolio primarily focuses on federal economic development and justice programs serving Tribes and their members. Since joining the Dallas field office in 2002, her work has addressed a range of topics, including reviews related to the Department of the Interior's delivery of real estate services, tribal economic development, electricity markets and renewable electricity, and federal climate adaptation efforts. Paige graduated with a B.A. from Rice University in economics and Spanish. She resides in Dallas with her husband and two children. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family, water sports, gardening, volunteering, and reading.



Leslie Pollock
Natural Resources & Environment
Assistant Director

Leslie Pollock's portfolio primarily focuses on the protection of natural and cultural resources. Since 2013, she has conducted various reviews of federal programs that serve Tribes and their members on topics related to contamination on tribal lands, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and building climate resilience in communities. She joined GAO's Denver Field Office in 2004 after earning a Master's in environmental policy from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. She was born and raised on Long Island, New York, though she has called Colorado home for almost 25 years (although she still misses being close to the ocean). Outside of

work, she is typically somewhere in the mountains with her family, including her 15- and 12-year old kiddos.



Lisa Van Arsdale
Natural Resources and Environment
Assistant Director

Lisa Van Arsdale helps conduct GAO's oversight of federal agencies' COVID-19 response for Tribes, federal agencies' budget consultation efforts, and environmental justice efforts within the Tribal and Native American Issues portfolio. Since joining GAO in 2005, Ms. Van Arsdale has worked on a variety of topics, including protections for Native American cultural artifacts, climate resilience, and EPA grants, among others. She has an undergraduate degree in Geology from Carleton College and a Master's in Public Administration from Syracuse University. She originally hails from western New York, but currently lives in Washington, DC.



Estelle J. Bowman
Natural Resources & Environment
Senior Analyst

Estelle J. Bowman is a Navajo woman from Tohatchi, a small community on the Navajo Nation (NM). Her maternal clan is Naasht'ézhí (Zuni People), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the Water). Her maternal

grandfather was Ta'neeszahnii (Tangle Water) and her paternal grandfather was Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People). She was born and raised on the Navajo reservation.

Ms. Bowman earned an undergraduate degree in History with a Native American Studies certificate from Dartmouth College and her Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico School of Law along with a Natural Resource Certificate.

Ms. Bowman has more than 30 years of experience working on tribal issues with tribal, state, and federal governments. In November 2007, she started her federal career with the Department of Health and Human Services working tribal issues. Ms. Bowman served ten years as the Assistant Director of the USDA Forest Service Office of Tribal Relations before joining GAO in February 2022.