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Steve Hawkins was appointed TOSHA Administrator for the State of Tennessee in 2012. There he manages day-to-day OSHA operations and serves as liaison with federal monitors, to promote workplace safety and health across Tennessee, educating employer groups and labor organizations about safety and health regulations and better methods of controlling and eliminating workplace hazards.

He has been employed by TOSHA since 1986, beginning his career as an occupational safety specialist and subsequently serving as an area office safety supervisor, safety compliance manager, and assistant administrator of the program.

Steve was appointed department liaison to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee Emergency Response Commission. He is also a member of the Tennessee Blasting Advisory Council, the Tennessee Associated Builders and Contractors Safety Advisory Committee, the Associated General Contractors Safety Committee, and the Tennessee Road Builders Association Safety Committee. He is the co-chair of the Tennessee Safety and Health Congress, a board member of the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association, and the Occupational Safety and Health State Plan Association. He is currently serving his fourth term on the federal OSHA Advisory Committee for Construction Safety and Health.

Steve is also a member of the TTU College of Engineering Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Advisory Board.