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The National Science Foundation has chosen former Pennsylvania State College of Earth and Mineral Sciences Department dean, William E. Easterling, to serve as the new head of the NSF Directorate for Geosciences (NSF GEO).

As dean at Penn State, Easterling's research encompassed the renewable energy sector, food security issues, and environmental sciences. Easterling previously worked as a professor of geography and Earth system sciences, and has written or co-authored almost 100 peer-reviewed papers and reports.

He will formally take the role of NSF GEO director in June 2017.

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