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Earl Lewis is the Assistant Director of the Kansas Water Office, the state's water planning and coordination agency. The Kansas Water Office is a policy development and planning agency that provides research and analytical staff support to the Governor, and the Legislature on water resource issues. The agency manages and markets water under state control within federal reservoirs.

Lewis graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering in 1992. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Kansas.

He worked with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources prior to joining the Kansas Water Office. Lewis initially worked with the statewide water use reporting program, compliance and enforcement of water rights, water right administration and review and approval of water conservation and drought plans. He worked with the Subbasin Water Resources Management Program developing alternative management programs for over appropriated groundwater areas.

Lewis also worked with the State's Interstate Water Issues Team dealing with interstate compact compliance and litigation and served on the Republican River Compact Engineering Committee.

Lewis and his wife Shari live in Topeka and have two sons.