

# Watco Companies Announcement



**Date:** May 17, 2011  
**To:** Watco Team  
**From:** Matt McKenzie, Senior Vice President - Finance, Corporate Controller  
**Subject:** Ray Pericola, Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer

I'm pleased to announce that Ray Pericola has been named Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Watco Companies. As Chief Accounting Officer, Ray will be responsible for all operating and centralized services accounting functions, payroll, financial process improvement, and financial reporting. Ray will also be leading a realignment of the Accounting Team to better position us to meet the needs of our internal and external Customers and will soon be making announcements in that regard.

Ray joined Watco in September of 2009 as Division Controller with responsibility for centralized services and financial reporting. He has led numerous improvements while at Watco and we look forward to his continued success in his new role. Prior to joining Watco, Ray gained broad experience in finance, accounting, and processes through his various professional roles at two renowned public accounting firms: Ernst & Young, LLP in Wichita, Kan., and KPMG, LLP, in Kansas City. He also worked for Sprint and a few medium sized companies.

Ray and his wife Kim have three children: RJ, 17, Peyton, 13 and Lauren 9. In his free time Ray enjoys golf, hunting, and swimming with his kids.

Ray will be working out of the Pittsburg, Kan., office and can be reached at 620-231-2230 or by e-mail at [rpericola@watcocompanies.com](mailto:rpericola@watcocompanies.com).

Please join me in congratulating Ray on his new role and responsibilities.