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Kim Balassiano

Kim Balassiano has a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and an M.S. in Geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has worked as an Information Management Specialist for EPA since 2007. She has 17 years of geospatial analysis and application development experience supporting the EPA, other federal agencies and academia.

Kim Balassiano is currently employed by EPA as an Information Management Specialist in the Office of Environmental Information (OEI). She is working on several application development projects including OEI's MyEnvironment, OEI's EJView, and OW's Watershed Central wiki. Her branch is responsible for the development of geospatial and other applications, such as blogs and wikis, in support of the Agency's public access goals.

Sue Briggum

Sue Briggum is the Vice President, Federal Public Affairs for Waste Management. Since 1987, Sue has been with the Washington, D.C. office of Waste Management, where she is responsible for advocacy regarding federal environment regulation and policy. She manages the company's sustainability reporting, and directs the company's public policy group.

Before joining Waste Management, Sue was an environmental lawyer with Piper & Marbury and its predecessor, Wald, Harkrader and Ross, where she co-authored two editions of the Hazardous Waste Regulation Handbook: A Practical Guide to RCRA and Superfund. She served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NACEPT Superfund Advisory Committees in 1994 and 2004; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Advisory Committee; and Compliance Assistance Advisory Committee. She has served on the U.S. EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (as Council or work group member) from 1994 to the present. She co-chaired both terms of the National Environmental Policy Commission, convened at the request of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. She is on the Advisory Board of the Harvard Environmental Law Review.

Sue received her B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh; Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Wisconsin (where she taught literature and business writing); and J.D. from Harvard University.

Jeffrey Burke

Jeffrey J. Burke has been the Executive Director of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) since August 2003. He is responsible for oversight of NPPR's budget, grant activities, workgroup coordination, and promoting pollution prevention (P2). He

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retired from EPA in January 2004 after twenty-four years of service, the last ten as the Regional P2 Coordinator. He was responsible for P2 grants, the National Environmental Performance Track program, development of the Region's Environmental Management System, and International P2 training. He has conducted P2 training workshops throughout the US as well as Poland, South Africa, China, Thailand, Dubai and Oman.

John Byrd

John Byrd is Senior Instructor in the Finance and Managing for Sustainability programs at the University of Colorado at Denver's Business School. He is currently teaching a class (possibly one of only two in the US) on business and climate change. He has published about 30 academic articles, including articles on SO2 trading and how TRI and RSEI information affects stock prices of reporting companies.

Prior to earning his PhD in financial economics from the University of Oregon, he received an MPPM degree in public policy analysis from Yale University and a math degree from Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado. John and his family spend as much time as they can in the outdoors, especially cross-country skiing, backpacking and hiking.

Orlando Cabrera-Rivera

Since 2007, Orlando Cabrera-Rivera has been the Manager of the Air Quality and Pollutant Releases Program of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). He coordinates trilateral capacity building and environmental information analysis efforts aimed at enhancing the comparability and accessibility of pollutant release and transfer register (PRTR) systems, climate change, and air quality related information, designed to support sound environmental management and pollution reduction initiatives across North America.

Mr. Cabrera-Rivera has a bachelors of science degree in meteorology from the Department of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a masters of science degree in land resources management from the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at UW-Madison.

John Chelen

John C. Chelen, President of Hampshire Research, is an attorney and systems engineer with substantial experience with environmental, energy, and health issues. He holds degrees from Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and has studied graduate economics at Georgetown University. He has been funded by EPA and other federal agencies, the World Bank, and numerous foundations, to work on environmental and information research and development initiatives. Most recently he has been involved with a high-tech transportation start-up.

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Steve DeVito

Steve DeVito has worked in the TRI Program since joining EPA in 1989. Steve provides scientific and other technical support to the TRI Program, and has been directly involved in most of the TRI Program's major rulemaking activities. Steve is currently the Chairperson of EPA's Office of Information Access and Analysis' TRI Data Analysis Team: a multidisciplinary team that provides expert technical, analytical, and consultative support regarding TRI data, its use, and information derived from it, to EPA programs and other governmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations and the public. He is a member of the North American Commission of Environmental Cooperation's Pollutant Release and Transfer Registry Working Group, where he represents EPA's TRI Program. He is also actively involved in leading efforts that are aimed at advancing and improving the services the TRI Program provides to its customers, and improving the quality of TRI data.

Steve was born and raised on Long Island, New York, is married and has two children. He holds a Ph.D. degree and M.S. degree in Medicinal Chemistry, and a B.S. degree in Pharmacy (St. John's University, New York City), and is licensed to practice pharmacy in New York and Virginia. He is the recipient of many EPA awards and honors, has written two books, and has published many scientific articles and book chapters. Steve has an active interest in U.S. military history. In his spare time, Steve likes to look for Civil War artifacts near his home in Virginia.

Teresa DeVoe

Teri DeVoe has an M.A. in art history and an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Teri worked in the reference and interlibrary loan departments of the EPA-RTP Library before moving to Headquarters as the contract EPA Library Network Coordinator. As an ASRC Primus contractor, she supports the National Program Manager, provides communication and outreach support for the entire Library Network, and serves as a "librarians' librarian" to her colleagues at EPA.

Alan D. Hecht, Ph.D.

Dr. Hecht a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service is Director for Sustainable Development in the Office of Research and Development (ORD) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since 2003 he has led ORD's planning on sustainability research. Currently he is senior advisor on sustainability to Assistant Administrator for ORD. On detail to the White House, from 2001 to 2003 he was Associate Director for Sustainable Development at the Council on Environmental Quality (2002-2003) and Director of International Environmental Affairs for the National Security Council

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(2001–2002) where he served as White House coordinator for preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. At EPA From 1989 to 2001, he served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Activities and Acting Assistant Administrator for International Activities from 1992 to 1994. During this period he led EPA's negotiations for the side agreement to the NAFTA, launched the US-Mexico Border Program, initiated new EPA efforts on environmental security and served as senior advisor to the Administrator for the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992. Before joining EPA, Dr. Hecht was Director of the National Climate Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (1981–1989) and Director of the Climate Dynamics Program at the National Science Foundation (1976–1981). Dr. Hecht was instrumental in helping to create the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC.) Dr. Hecht has a Ph.D in geology and geochemistry from Case Western Reserve University. He has written extensively on climate change and sustainability. One of his most recent publications is "EPA at 40: Bringing Environmental Protection into the 21st Century" ES&T, 209, 43, 8716-8720.

Malcolm D. Jackson

Malcolm D. Jackson recently served as the Senior IT Business Unit Director of CIGNA Insurance Disability Management Business, where he managed all IT aspects that supported short term disability, long term disability, life and accident insurance products and services. From 2006 to 2008, Mr. Jackson also served as the Senior IT Business Unit Director for CIGNA Insurance Corporate Business Functions. During this tenure, Mr. Jackson directed the development of IT applications for Human Resources, Finance, Legal and Public Affairs, and Investments. In addition, Mr. Jackson had IT oversight for Corporate-Owned Life Insurance, Reinsurance, and Settlement Annuities. Prior to joining CIGNA Insurance, Mr. Jackson held various positions in the areas of IT, engineering, marketing and general business management at Monsanto, Quaker Oats, General Dynamics, and Shell Oil Company.

Throughout his career, Mr. Jackson has developed expertise in IT strategy, large-scale enterprise resource planning, performance metrics development, and business process re-engineering. Mr. Jackson was a Board member of the Children's Literacy Initiative in Philadelphia and the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, where he chaired the membership committee. Mr. Jackson holds a B.S. from Jackson State University and an M.B.A. from Northwestern University, J.L. Kellogg School of Management.

Carey A. Johnston, P.E.

Carey Johnston has seventeen years experience with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the fields of site remediation and wastewater pollution control. Mr. Johnston works in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and is working on a proposed rulemaking to change the current paper-based reporting system for the Clean Water Act NPDES permit program to an electronic system. He is also the lead developer for the DMR

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Pollutant Loading Tool, which is a new tool designed to help you determine who is discharging, what pollutants they are discharging and how much, and where they are discharging. Mr. Johnston has a B.S degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Virginia and a M.S. degree in environmental engineering from Virginia Tech. Mr. Johnston is also a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Alex Klaessig

Alex Klaessig is a senior analyst with Abt Associates. Among other things, he works with EPA on TRI and the Greenhouse Gas Inventory's parent company information. Before that, he was a national program manager for EPA's Facility Registry System and the geospatial line of business. Alex received a masters of public policy at Washington, D.C.'s American University.

Cindy McComas

Cindy McComas is Adjunct Professor in the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Minnesota teaching a fall course on pollution prevention and energy efficiency. She also recently served as a researcher for the Institute on the Environment's NorthStar Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Minnesota, focusing on a project to increase business investments in industrial energy efficiency.

Cindy served as Director of the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) at the University of Minnesota from 1985 to 2010 which provides pollution prevention and energy efficiency technical assistance to Minnesota's industry. During 1980-1984, Ms. McComas worked as a program manager with the Gas Research Institute in Chicago on technologies to convert biomass and wastes to methane.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a M.S. in Civil Engineering and from Texas Christian University with a B.S. and M.S. in Environmental Sciences. She is a lifetime member of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) since 1985, and has served on the Board of Directors, the Membership Committee, and the NPPR Research, Technology, and Energy Workgroup. In addition to membership in the Minnesota Wastewater Operators Association, she has been involved with the Air and Waste Management Association since 1980 as Upper Midwest Section Past Chair, Membership Chair, and faculty contact for the student group.

Bill Muldrow

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William (Bill) Muldrow is currently employed at EPA in the Office of Environmental Information (OEI), Office of Analysis and Access (OIAA) - Information Access Division (IAD), and serves as the Envirofacts System Manager and EPA point of contact for the Envirofacts Project team. The Envirofacts website and underlying database warehouse, provides the public with a single point of access to a diverse set of EPA information about environmental activities that may affect air, water, and land anywhere in the United States. Bill Muldrow has worked at EPA since 1981, and has been a member of the Envirofacts project since 1993.

Larry Reisman

Larry Reisman has a B.S. in marketing from Rutgers College, a J.D. degree from Rutgers Law School – Newark, and a Masters degree in environmental policy from Yale University. Mr. Reisman has worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1998. Some of his duties in his position at the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program include rulemaking activities, crafting interpretive guidance responses for the regulated community, and supporting TRI data quality projects, as well as serving as the acting branch chief of the TRI Regulatory Development Branch. Presently, Larry serves as the branch chief of the Analytical Support Branch (ASB) in the Environmental Analysis Division in OEI. The ASB works closely with the TRI Program managing the TRI National Analysis, the TRI chemical list, and a number of software tools that allow users to analyze the TRI data.

Velu Senthil

Velu Senthil has a Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering and PhD in Polymer Technology. He has been working in EPA's TRI Program since 1998. Though Velu is currently focusing on TRI data quality efforts, he has worked on Release Estimation Techniques, industry-specific and process-specific guidance documents. Prior coming to EPA, Velu worked at US Department of Energy on alternatives to transportation fuels. Before that Velu had worked in industry and academic institutions.

Mark Stephan

Mark Stephan received a Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University in the year 2000. After serving for two years as a visiting assistant professor at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, he joined the faculty at Washington State University Vancouver in the fall of 2001. He teaches courses in American politics, including classes in public policy, environmental policy administration, and democratic theory. Dr. Stephan received a dissertation grant from Resources for the Future, a Washington-based environmental think

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tank, in 1997-1998. During his five years in Washington, D.C., Dr. Stephan also worked for the Environmental Protection Agency twice, first in the Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (OERR) and second in the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation (OPEI). His research is in the areas of environmental information disclosure policy and citizen involvement in environmental decision-making. He has been published in the journals *Social Science Quarterly* and *State and Local Government Review*, among others. Working with Michael Kraft and Troy Abel, he has completed a book entitled *Coming Clean: Information Disclosure and Environmental Performance*.

Guy Tomassoni

Guy Tomassoni has been with the EPA since 1992. Currently he serves as the Chief of the Analytical Products Branch in the Environmental Analysis Division (EAD) of the Office of Information, Analysis and Access (OIAA) within EPA's Office of Environmental Information (OEI). Staff in Guy's Branch work on a variety of efforts related to OIAA's primary function of helping interested stakeholders find, understand and use quality environmental information, including for example: the TRI and Environmental Conditions in Communities Conference; apps for the environment, tools for helping people find and analyze environmental data; environmental indicators; environmental justice; community engagement; America's environmental attitudes and behaviors; watershed collaboration; cross-agency collaboration on environmental health issues; and, access to environmental information on Tribal lands. Prior to joining OEI in 2008, Guy worked in EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) serving as the Land Chapter Lead on EPA's Report of the Environment, developing better performance measures for land cleanup and revitalization, co-authoring a variety of ground water protection and cleanup policies, and leading a national training effort on RCRA Corrective Action Results Based Project Management. Prior to joining EPA Guy was involved with hazardous site cleanups as an environmental consultant and as an employee of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Guy received his B.S. in Geology from University of Maryland and his M.S. in Engineering Geology (focus on hydrogeology) from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Danielle Vallée

Danielle Vallée has been coordinating and managing projects related to environmental pollution since 1997. Her work has included research, feasibility studies and the development of projects involving technology transfers relative to managing domestic and hazardous substances in Latin America and the Caribbean. Since 2006, she has worked as coordinator for the North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Project at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

Ms. Vallée has a B.A. with a Specialization in Urban-Economic Geography; and a Masters of Public Policy and Administration (Specialization: Geography) from Concordia University in Montréal, Québec.

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Mike Walker

Mike Walker serves as the Director of the National Enforcement Training Institute in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA, Washington, D.C. Mr. Walker has been involved in the litigation and negotiation of many high profile environmental enforcement actions since he began his career in EPA's Chicago, IL, Regional office in 1979. Mr. Walker is the author of numerous articles including: *"High Stakes on a Fast Track: Administrative Enforcement at EPA," "Introducing the Environmental Data Police," "Attitude is Everything – Dealing With EPA's Enforcement Program," "How to Handle Difficult Chemicals: The Unused Tool in EPA's Chemical Toolbox -TSCA Section 7 of the Toxic Substances Control Act," "Alternate Dispute Resolution in EPA Enforcement Proceedings," The Use of the Toxic Release Inventory in Low Income and Minority Communities,"* and *"EPCRA Citizen Suits: An Evolving Opus with a Discordant Note."* Mr. Walker serves as Adjunct Professor of Law at William & Mary College of Law teaching Natural Resources Law, and at both the University of Toledo and Maryland School of Law, where he teaches: "Federal Commercial Chemical Regulation: TSCA, FIFRA, EPCRA & RCRA."

Ken A. Zarker

Ken Zarker has been actively involved with hazardous waste, pollution prevention and toxics reduction programs for over twenty five years. Ken is a manager in the Pollution Prevention and Regulatory Assistance Section at Washington State Department of Ecology. Ken has been responsible for managing state environmental programs in Texas and Washington State on hazardous waste permitting, policy, toxics reduction, and sustainability. Ken has served in a leadership capacity at the national and international levels as Chairman of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable. Ken serves on several boards and committees, including the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Cross Media Committee, Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse Board of Directors, Green Chemistry in Commerce Council, Stewardship Action Council and delegate to the North American Pollution Prevention Partnership. Ken has been working actively to support regional collaboration on green chemistry and chemicals policy development. Ken holds a B.S. in Environmental Management from the University of Houston at Clear Lake City.