



Speakers' Biographies

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Mike Boyle is the Branch Chief for Gas Branch 1 in the Division of Gas, Environment and Engineering of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Mike received his degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia in 1978. He has worked for the FERC for over 20 years, serving in various capacities of natural gas regulatory compliance and environmental impact analysis. As an environmental project manager, Mike has directed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document preparation and monitored the environmental compliance on numerous major pipeline projects. Additionally, he has been involved with the formulation and evolution of the FERC staff's Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures, Upland Erosion Control Revegetation and Maintenance Plan, and Environmental Inspection Program since their beginning in 1989.

John Leiss is the Branch Chief for Gas Branch 2 in the Division of Gas, Environment and Engineering of the FERC. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Planetary Sciences from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. John has been with the FERC since 1974 in various capacities, providing geological, seismological, and environmental analysis of gas transmission and storage facilities and liquefied natural gas import/export terminals. He has provided expert testimony in a number of FERC cases on environmental issues. He has also been intimately involved in the creation of most of the FERC's regulations concerning environmental analysis of natural gas facilities.

Rich McGuire is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Division of Gas, Environment and Engineering of the FERC. Rich received his Master of Science in Recreation and Parks from Pennsylvania State University in 1992 and his Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Parks from Ohio University in 1984. He has worked for the FERC for over 12 years, serving in various capacities of natural gas regulatory compliance and environmental impact analysis. As an environmental project manager, Rich has directed NEPA document preparation and monitored the environmental compliance on numerous pipeline projects.

Larry Sauter is an Environmental Engineer and Environmental Project Manager in the FERC's Division of Gas, Environment and Engineering. Larry received degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park, specializing in water/wastewater treatment and environmental chemistry. He has worked for the FERC for almost 30 years, serving in various capacities while performing environmental impact analysis and regulatory compliance for natural gas projects. Larry has both participated in and managed NEPA document preparation on numerous major pipeline projects and a number of innovative proposals including the production of synthetic natural gas from coal. He has also managed several major projects involving the conversion of existing petroleum pipelines to natural gas service. Larry has provided expert testimony supporting environmental impact analysis in a number of FERC cases, including those on the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, American Natural Resources' coal gasification facility in North Dakota, and construction of the initial Kern River Pipeline System.



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Greystone Environmental

Robert Acree is a Project Manager for Greystone and has more than 24 years of industry experience as an environmental scientist and petroleum geologist. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas in Biology and Geology. Robert has been involved with more than 75 FERC jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional pipeline projects, including projects for new, replacement, and abandonment projects, and a number of natural gas storage projects in many geographic regions in the United States. His industry experience has included project management, environmental planning and design, permitting, field investigations, FERC environmental resource report and NEPA document preparation, and environmental training and compliance inspections. He has overseen the preparation of many biological reports in compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and cultural resource reports in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as well as the preparation of numerous water quality and Section 404 permits.

Evan Baker is a project manager for Greystone and has more than 18 years of experience in the oil and gas pipeline industry as a project manager and environmental planner for pipeline projects in the United States, Canada, and other countries. He received his Master of Science in Geography from the University of Calgary, specializing in soils and biogeography. Evan has significant experience with pipeline construction, and has designed and managed environmental inspection projects and prepared operating manuals for pipelines regulated by FERC and other agencies. Evan has developed and delivered corporate training programs in the oil and gas industry that cover environmental regulations, environmental audits, and other environmental issues.

Kenda Pollio is a General Manager for Greystone and has experience as a senior environmental planner and project manager specializing in siting, permitting, and assessment of linear projects. She received her Master of Arts degree in International Environmental Policy from the University of South Florida and Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental/Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University. She has earned an AICP certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners. Kenda has more than 12 years of experience with linear projects, specializing in linear corridor and right-of-way assessment, siting, acquisition, permitting, easements, and government compliance. She has provided socioeconomic or land use assessments for more than 100 environmental studies. She has also prepared noise studies and assessments for many projects and has managed several air permitting projects. In addition, Kenda has developed and facilitated more than 120 public participation programs.



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Randy Schroeder is a Principal of Greystone and has more than 26 years of experience on a wide variety of environmental projects throughout the United States. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management and Master of Science degree in Environmental Science from Colorado State University. He has been responsible for the preparation of more than 100 Environmental Reports, Environmental Assessments, and Environmental Impact Statements for pipelines and other projects. Randy has also overseen the preparation of many reports to satisfy compliance with Section 7 of the ESA, as well as many air, water quality, and Section 404 permits. He has provided a variety of environmental management services, developed licensing strategies, and reviewed documents prepared by others for compliance with the FERC and other federal and state rules and regulations. He has developed and presented environmental training seminars to both industry and agency audiences, and has developed environmental compliance procedures and manuals for many clients.

Essex Environmental

Stacey Atella is the Training Services Manager with Essex Environmental. She received her Bachelor of Art degree in Human Biodynamics from the University of California, Berkeley and joined Essex in 1997. Stacey's experience includes environmental planning for natural gas and other utility transmission projects, with specific expertise in environmental training program design and implementation. She has extensive experience on projects regulated by the FERC and has provided permitting and licensing services for energy projects across the western United States. She has also provided environmental compliance management for long-distance linear projects across a diverse range of habitats, including offshore pipeline construction. Stacey has been a facilitator and instructor for numerous training programs, including the Southern Gas Association Workshop and the Bureau of Land Management's Pipeline Systems Course.

Maria Britton is a Vice President with Essex Environmental. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from California Polytechnic State University in Biology and joined Essex in 1996. Over the past 13 years, Maria has managed and/or inspected hundreds of miles of natural gas transmission projects throughout the western and midwestern United States. Her experience includes acting as a Lead Environmental Inspector for gas transmission companies, as well as representing state and federal agencies (including the FERC) as a regulatory field monitor. Currently, Maria oversees environmental compliance management services for a range of natural gas, water, and electric projects. Her experience includes substantial experience in biological resource protection, environmental training, and regulatory planning.



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Lynette Curthoys is a Vice President with Essex Environmental. She received her Bachelors degree in Human Biology from Stanford University and joined Essex in 1993. Lynette has more than 10 years of experience in environmental planning and permitting for natural gas and other utility transmission projects, with specific expertise in environmental training program design and implementation. She has developed more than 35 environmental training programs for natural gas projects across the United States, and has overseen environmental assessments and regulatory filings for a number of gas transmission projects in the western United States. Lynette has been a facilitator and instructor at the Southern Gas Association Environmental Inspector Training program since 1999.

Dave Hagen is a Senior Associate with Essex Environmental. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from the University of Wisconsin and joined Essex in 1995. Dave has more than 12 years of experience in environmental planning, training, compliance management, and resource conservation for pipeline and other infrastructure projects in 26 states. He has substantial experience implementing the FERC Plan and Procedures during construction, with particular expertise in erosion control, stream and wetland crossing procedures, biological resources, agricultural mitigation, and reclamation. Dave has facilitated and presented dozens of environmental compliance training programs for large-scale pipeline construction projects throughout the United States.

Brooke Langle is a Senior Associate with Essex Environmental. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Ecology and Systematic Biology from California Polytechnic State University and joined Essex in 1999. Brooke combines a strong background of environmental resource management with nearly 10 years of experience in environmental planning, training, compliance management, and resource conservation for pipeline and other infrastructure projects. She has significant experience on environmental compliance management teams. Brooke's responsibilities include project management and supervision, while retaining a strong involvement in fieldwork as a Lead Environmental Inspector. She has helped prepare and present numerous environmental compliance training programs for large-scale pipeline construction projects.

Steve Stielstra is a Vice President with Essex Environmental. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Redlands, and his Master of Arts degree in Environmental Administration from the University of California, Riverside, and joined Essex in 2001. Steve has more than 20 years of experience in planning, permitting, and comprehensive management of large-scale projects, with extensive experience working successfully with federal land management agencies in diverse settings with complex, often controversial, resource issues. Steve has specific expertise in environmental analysis, compliance and mitigation, project siting and routing, and property acquisition.