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Mahesh Albuquerque

Mahesh Albuquerque is the Director of the Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety. His responsibilities include oversight of Colorado's Petroleum Storage Tank Programs (UST/AST, LUST, FUND and Weights & Measures), as well as several Public Safety Programs (Public School Construction, Explosives, Boilers, Conveyances and Amusement Devices). He joined the Division ten years ago and has served as the Program Manager for Division's Petroleum Inspection Section, overseeing the permitting, installation, registration, inspection, compliance, and closure of USTs and ASTs within Colorado. Mr. Albuquerque was also responsible for ensuring state-wide compliance with weights and measures laws and regulations related to petroleum products, including oversight of the states product quality laboratory. He has participated on EPA's Significant Operational Compliance and Secondary Containment workgroups to assist with the development of EPA guidance documents. In addition to other rulemaking, Mr. Albuquerque has been responsible for revising Colorado's Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations to address the UST provisions of the Federal

Energy Policy Act of 2005. Prior to joining the Division, he spent eight years in the private sector as an environmental consultant. Mahesh received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Geology from the University of Bombay and is a registered professional geologist.

Teresa Alleman

Teresa Alleman is a senior chemist with the Fuels Performance Group at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. She has been with the Fuels Performance Group for the last eight and a half years working on technical issues to reduce technical barriers to increase utilization of alternative and advanced fuels. Currently, Ms. Alleman's research focus is in biodiesel and ethanol issues, particularly fuel quality, test methodology, and trace contaminant analysis. She has provided critical input and data to support new ASTM methods and specifications in recent years. Ms. Alleman is an active member of ASTM International, ACS, and AOCS.

Mark Barolo

Mark Barolo is the Director of the Policy and Standards Division in EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks. His division is responsible for implementing the national program to prevent and detect releases from underground storage tanks (UST). Mr. Barolo has worked in the Office of Underground Storage Tanks since 1993 in a variety of capacities.

Gary Baughman

Gary Baughman has held various positions in the Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for 20 years. He has served as Division Director for the past five years. As Division Director, Mr. Baughman is responsible for administering Colorado's solid and hazardous waste regulatory programs and the programs that oversee the cleanup of federal facilities, Superfund sites, sites covered by the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act, and Colorado's voluntary clean up and Brownfield's programs. He is responsible for Colorado's radiation control program, as well.

Mr. Baughman has been an active participant in ASTSWMO since 1994 and presently serves as Vice President. He has been involved with the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) since its inception in 1995, and represented ASTSWMO on the ITRC Board of Advisors from 2006 through 2008. In addition, Mr. Baughman is Colorado's representative to the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board by appointment of the Governor.

Mr. Baughman has a Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

Thomas Beaulieu

Tom Beaulieu is Chief of the UST Compliance Subsection with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Mr. Beaulieu is responsible for managing all elements of the program: inspector training, development of informational outreach guidance documents and fact sheets, engineering plan review and installation inspections, scheduling of operational compliance inspections, rule making, and

enforcement. He has 35 years of experience with the department, of which 16 have been with the UST program.

During the past two years, Mr. Beaulieu has overseen the development and implementation of a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) operational compliance inspection program. This allows the inspectors to download facility information from the ORACLE database to a PDA, input on-site compliance information, print a compliance deficiency report for the owner/operator, return to the office and wirelessly upload the information to the database. This effectively eliminated office paper work and allows additional time for the inspectors to be in the field.

Therron Blatter

Therron Blatter is the Program Manager for the Underground Storage Tank Section of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. In this capacity, he is responsible for oversight of UST installation, permitting, closure, compliance inspections, and enforcement throughout Utah. He has been involved in Utah UST program for the past 18 years, eight as field inspector, and the last ten as program manager. Mr. Blatter is currently a member of the ASTSWMO UST Task Force. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Geology from Brigham Young University.

Russ Brauksieck

Russ Brauksieck is a Professional Engineer with the Department of Environmental Conservation where he is the Section Chief of the Spill Prevention and Bulk Storage Section. He has been in the Tanks program for over 20 years, dealing with the NYS Petroleum Bulk Storage, Major Oil Storage Facilities, Chemical Bulk Storage, and EPA Underground Storage Tank regulations. Mr. Brauksieck is currently serving as the Chair of the Underground Storage Tank Task Force of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials Tanks Subcommittee.

Eric Cathcart

Eric Cathcart is a Program Manager with the UST Management Division of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. He has served the needs of the regulated communities of South Carolina for over fifteen years. Mr. Cathcart's staff is responsible for permitting and abandonment of tanks, release investigations, financial responsibility, delivery prohibition, payment of annual fees, compliance inspections, and significant operational compliance determinations. Prior to his service with South Carolina, he spent time in the private industry. Mr. Cathcart received his Bachelor of Science in Geology from the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

Rebecca Keyser

Rebecca Keyser is an Environmental Scientist with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. She has worked for DNREC's Tank Management Branch since 2003 and previously worked in environmental consulting. Her duties include UST compliance assessments, compliance project management, and program development efforts. She is currently working to develop an electronic inspection program to replace the current paper-based system. Ms. Keyser is a member of the

ASTSWMO UST Task Force and holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a concentration in Environmental Studies from the University of Delaware.

Heather Peters

Heather Peters started with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the Tanks Section in 1999. In 2005, the MDNR lost UST inspectors as part of a state budget change. In 2007, MDNR, in coordination with EPA, participated in its first contract inspection project. The department now has a permanent, composite inspection program, which includes MDNR staff, MDNR inspectors, contract inspectors, as well as cooperation with the State's insurance fund. Ms. Peters gained valuable experience from the challenges and opportunities these changes created.

Jennifer Pruett

Jennifer Pruett received her Bachelor of Arts from Yale and her J.D. from the University of New Mexico. She was Assistant General Counsel and Special Assistant Attorney General for the New Mexico Environment Department for six years and helped create the State's underground storage tank regulatory program in 1986. From 1990 until 2006, Ms. Pruett was a sole practitioner, working primarily in the area of environmental law. She taught several environmental law courses as an Adjunct Professor at the UNM School of Law, provided contract litigation services for several law firms in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and was a contract Hearing Officer for NMED. Currently, Ms. Pruett is Secretary and Chair Elect of the Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Section of the New Mexico State Bar. Since September 2006, she has been a manager for NMED's Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau. She currently directs the Annual & Delinquent Tank Fee Collection Programs, Installer Certification Program, and Operator Training Program. Ms. Pruett also serves as New Mexico's Lead Coordinator for revising rules and statutes to meet requirements of the Energy Policy Act. Under Ms. Pruett's leadership, New Mexico collected or resolved 100% of FY2009 Tank Fee Accounts Receivable, and adopted Operator Training regulations effective June 15, 2009.

Terri Roberts

Terri Roberts is an Environmental Compliance Analyst with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Petroleum Storage Tank Division, Compliance and Inspection Department. She is responsible for license application review, installation and closure report review, resolution of complaints from the general public, policy development and rule revisions, and public outreach. She works directly with 23 field inspectors in determination of compliance and enforcement, and she provides testimony in court hearings for the Division. Ms. Roberts has 22 years of experience in this industry including testing services, cathodic protection, fuel system design and installation, tank removal, risk-based corrective action and remediation. She has served the last five years as a regulator with the State of Oklahoma.

Tim Roberts

Tim Roberts is an Environmental Protection Specialist with EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks. He came to OUST from EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs shortly after the enactment of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. Mr. Roberts is OUST's lead on delivery prohibition and is also heavily involved in the regulation development process. He has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the

University of New Hampshire and a Master of Science in Public Management from the University of Maryland.

Mitch Scheel

Mitch Scheel is a Policy Coordinator with the Oregon Tank Program. Mr. Scheel has worked in Oregon's UST, LUST, and Heating Oil Tank Programs for the last 15 years. He has been the Policy Coordinator for the Tank Program for the last eight years. His duties include program development and writing rules.

Tim Smith

Tim Smith is a member of the Policy and Standards Division at the U.S. EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST). He led both the inspection and operator training work groups that were established to develop EPA grant guidelines, as required by the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act. Mr. Smith is also OUST's primary point of contact on issues related to release detection, UST compliance inspector training, and inspections.