



## Speaker Biographies

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**Ken Moraff** is Director of the Water Division at the EPA's New England regional office. He has led major environmental projects, including the Boston Harbor and Charles River cleanups, and has helped EPA develop innovative approaches to complex challenges like nutrient pollution and contaminated stormwater runoff. Ken previously served as manager of EPA-New England's enforcement program. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School.

**Susan Forcier** is the Deputy Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). She has served since 2002, overseeing all major environmental regulatory programs in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEM) and directing the implementation of the compliance, technical assistance, permitting, remediation, and enforcement programs for air, water, and land protection. Prior to assuming her current role, Susan served as Deputy Chief Legal Counsel for the agency, and has been with DEM for over sixteen years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology and a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island, and a Juris Doctorate from Roger Williams University. She is a member of the bar in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

**Wendy E. N. Thomas** is a New Hampshire State Representative who was elected in 2018 by the town of Merrimack. She is currently in her second term and serves on the Science, Technology and Energy Committee. She has previously served on the Science, Technology and Energy Committee, Air Pollution Advisory Committee, and has chaired the Public Health and Environmental Toxins Working Group.

**Sarah Woodbury** is the Vice President of Policy and Advocacy for Defend Our Health. Sarah spearheads Defend Our Health's advocacy and coalition work. She works closely with legislators, coalition partners and supporters to advance Defend's mission of fighting for safe products, food and drinking water, and sustainable, green jobs. Sarah brings with her over fifteen years of experience in the advocacy and communications realms. Prior to joining Defend Our Health, Sarah worked at the Anti-Defamation League and Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Sarah holds an MA in Applied Politics from American University and a BS in Political Science from Portland State University.

**Bill Kramer** is Vice President and Counsel for MultiState. Recognized for his wide breadth of state legislative and policy knowledge, Bill oversees the firm's research services, advises clients on strategic government affairs initiatives, develops and manages coalitions and associations, and pens the weekly Morning MultiState newsletter, among other problem-solving endeavors. He is an experienced lawyer and association executive who served as deputy executive director of the Council of State Chambers (COSC) and built the COSC Policy Center from the ground up. Bill has addressed and presented to dozens of trade and professional organizations, including the US Chamber of Commerce, the NCSL, Public Affairs Council, and State Government Affairs Council. His previous experience includes the US Senate, California State Assembly, and Legislative Counsel's Office of California.

**Gretchen Salter** is a Strategic Advisor and Consultant at Safer States. Since 2005, Gretchen has been a leading advocate in the environmental health movement. Drawing on her experience as an organizer in electoral politics, she spearheaded campaigns in California to eliminate toxic chemicals from children's products and advocated for programs that improved disclosure in cosmetic products and cleaning products. Gretchen was also instrumental in creating California's comprehensive program to eliminate toxic chemicals from consumer products. Gretchen served as the California representative to Safer States until she joined the Safer States team in 2015. Since then, she has been advising lawmakers on chemical policies as well as building new campaigns and coalitions to further the creation of a just and sustainable economy.

**Dr. Timothy Randhir** is a Professor and Director of the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Randhir received a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1995 and did post-doctoral work at Purdue University before joining the University of Massachusetts as a faculty. He has a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences from Annamalai University and a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Dr. Randhir is a consultant to the National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, American Association of Advancement of Sciences, US Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, and US Department of Agriculture. He also serves as Editor of three international journals in earth systems, climate change, ecological economics, and computational environmental sciences. His research extends worldwide, including Honduras, Columbia, Peru, Uruguay, Mexico, Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, eSwatini, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Mongolia, Kirghizstan, Uganda, Turkey, Iran, Russia, China, India, and Indonesia. He is the President of the Southern New England Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society.

**Dr. Rainer Lohmann** is a Professor of Oceanography and Director of the Sources, Transport, Exposure and Effects of PFAS (STEEP) Superfund Research Center at the University of Rhode Island. With funding from NSF, NIH, SERDP and private foundations, his group conducts research into the sources, transport, and bioaccumulation of anthropogenic pollutants. Lohmann initiated a global effort to monitor organic contaminants in the waters of the world, termed AQUA-GAPS, which started field trials in 2016. Lohmann has published over 150 peer-reviewed publications and serves as Editor for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. He is a member of the Executive committee of the US EPA Board of Scientific Counselors, and sits on the Editorial Boards for Environmental Science and Technology, Environmental Pollution and Environmental Science and technology Letters, among others.

**Heather Tenney** is a Research Associate and Program Manager at the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. Heather leads projects focused on implementation and policy analysis of the Toxics Use Reduction Act. She analyzes the Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) data, which is reported yearly by Massachusetts companies to determine state-wide progress. With Dr. Ellenbecker, she manages and provides research support for the activities of the Science Advisory Board. Heather is a certified Toxics Use Reduction (TUR) Planner. Prior to TURI, she worked at the TURA Program's Office of Technical Assistance after working for several years in industry. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Boston University and a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Tufts University.

**Jake Wilhelm** Jake Wilhelm is an Environmental Scientist and Certified Ecologist with expertise in developing environmental risk management solutions by building collaborative cross-discipline teams. He implements project management best practices to solve his client's concerns at impacted upland, landfill, wetland, riverine, estuarine, and offshore sites throughout the U.S. Mr. Wilhelm has significant experience supporting environmental litigation, ecological and human health risk assessments, and natural resource damage assessments. He applies his expertise in regulatory processes and stakeholder negotiation to environmental litigation and emerging contaminants, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), lead, microplastics, and 1,4-dioxane. His experience ranges from remedial investigation design and implementation, preparation of work plans, and overseeing complex field sampling events, including CERCLA Site Inspections and Remedial Investigations for PFAS-impacted DoD facilities.

**Roxy Kozyckj** is the Director of State Government and Regional Affairs at AdvaMed, the largest national trade association representing the medical technology industry. In this role, Roxy is responsible for developing and executing the advocacy strategy for 24 states, leading member companies to form policy positions on critical issues facing the industry in states and Congress, building relationships with legislators and key stakeholders, and working to elevate the Med Tech industry through strategic and creative platforms. Before coming to AdvaMed, Roxy was the Director of State Government Affairs at the Healthcare Distribution Alliance. Prior to joining HDA, Roxy worked for the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and before moving to Washington, D.C. she was a policy analyst and lobbyist for Illinois Association for Rehabilitation Facilities in Springfield, IL. She holds a B.A. in International Studies with a minor in Russian, Eastern European, and Central Asian Studies from University of Wisconsin-Madison and a M.S. in Economic Policy Analysis from DePaul University in Chicago.