

2022 ITRC Board of Advisors

Randy Chapman (VA) – Co-Chair (2020-2022)

Randy has over 25 years of experience as a petroleum remediation geologist with Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). As an Environmental Manager, he currently manages and coordinates all aspects of the Northern Regional Office (NRO) Remediation Program. His responsibilities include overseeing various programs, including the above-ground and underground storage tank programs, the groundwater remediation programs, and the state lead contract program. Before his time at Virginia DEQ, Randy worked as a Hydrologist at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Conservation in Columbia, SC. His involvement with ITRC began in 2012 as a member of the Petroleum Vapor Intrusion Team. In 2016 he became the Co-Team Leader for the LNAPL Update Team, where he continues to act as a classroom and on-line instructor for LNAPL guidance. Randy has a B.S. in Geology from Clemson University.

Rebecca Higgins (MN) – Co-Chair (2022-2024)

Rebecca Higgins is a Senior Hydrogeologist in the East Metro Unit of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in St. Paul. In her roll at the MPCA, she is a member of the team assigned to evaluate releases of hazardous substances and PFAS compounds that pose a risk to human and ecological receptors. Rebecca also serves as liaison between the stormwater program and remediation divisions of the MPCA. In that role she seeks to find innovative technical solutions for sites where contamination poses a risk to human health and the environment from infiltrated stormwater. Rebecca is an ITRC Point-of-Contact for the State of Minnesota and a Co-Team Leader the Stormwater BMP Performance Evaluation Team. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Geology from North Dakota State University in 1998 and spent 9 years in the environmental consulting industry in Colorado and Minnesota until joining the MPCA in 2007.

Stephanie Lewis (CA) – Cross-Media Outreach Liaison (2022-2024)

Stephanie Lewis has been involved with ITRC since 2005 when she took part in her very first IBT as a participant. Since then, Stephanie has used ITRC materials and guidance to facilitate her role as a Senior Environmental Scientist with the Office of Environmental Equity at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Stephanie has a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from California State University and holds over 15 years of experience which she hopes to utilize in the Cross Media Outreach Liaison role.

Samuel Iwenofu (WA) – Special Projects Coordinator (2022-2024)

Samuel Iwenofu is a Senior Analytical Chemist and Quality Assurance Coordinator with the Hazardous Waste and Toxic Reduction program at the Washington State Department of Ecology (WADOE). Samuel has a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Chemistry and a professional post-graduate diploma in Environmental Science. With over 28 years of experience in the public and private sector, including 13 years with WADOE, Samuel specializes in providing cross-program technical expertise and consultations within WADOE and other agencies. Samuel worked for the Quinault Indian Nation for 7 years, managing EPA grants and coordinating with EPA environmental programs, and has been an active member of ITRC for more than five years, including serving as a member of the PFAS Sampling and Analytical workgroup.

Melinda McClanahan (NM) – Stakeholder Representative (2020-2022)

Dr. McClanahan - a member of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - has previously served as a tribal stakeholder for ITRC's Contaminated Sediments-Remediation Team from 2012-2014, receiving the ITRC Public and Tribal Stakeholder Recognition Award for outstanding contributions with her work. Dr. McClanahan comes from a distinguished career in Washington, D.C. with the United States Senior Executive Service, where she held high-level positions with EPA's Office of Research and Development and USDA's Agricultural Research Service. After retiring from federal service in 2009 as the Chief Information Officer of the USDA Agricultural Research Service, Dr. McClanahan continued to work as a collaborator to the USDA, and serve on the Board of Directors for the Soil and Water Conservation Society, as well as the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), where she remains an advisor today.

Sandra Snyder (SC) – State Engagement Coordinator (2022-2024)

Sandra currently works in the Federal Remediation Section in the Superfund Program as a Risk Assessor/Environmental Health Manager for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Sandra has been in State Government since 2000 and has a B.S. in Plant and Soil Sciences from the University of Tennessee. In 2018, Sandra founded and led a PFAS Affinity Group at her Agency for information sharing across all Bureaus and Regions in South Carolina. Sandra has been active with ITRC since 2008 as a product user, team member, and State Point of Contact.

Claudio Sorrentino (CA) – Team Leader Liaison (2022-2024)

Claudio Sorrentino is a Senior Toxicologist with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, working as a scientific and technical advisor to programs within DTSC and other agencies on risk assessment, exposure assessment, and toxicological and risk communication issues. Claudio graduated from the School of Pharmacy of the University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Italy, where he also received a graduate degree in Pharmacology (Toxicology Track) from the School of Medicine. He earned his Ph.D. from New York University in Environmental Health Sciences and was a postdoctoral scholar in Environmental Toxicology at the University of California Davis with Mike Denison. Claudio has been active for more than a decade in the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) as a team member, trainer, and leader of three teams. In addition to his work at DTSC and ITRC, Claudio is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Standing Committee on the Use of Emerging Science for Environmental Health Decisions and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Environmental Toxicology at the University of California Davis.

Sara Pearson (MI) – Training Program Coordinator (2017-2022)

Sara Pearson has been involved with ITRC since 2014 serving as the Michigan Point of Contact. Sara has worked in the environmental remediation and redevelopment field in Michigan for more than 25 years. She has worked as both a consultant managing contaminated sites for major petroleum companies and industry, and then as a senior geologist for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) reviewing the investigative and cleanup efforts. She currently serves as the supervisor of the Information Management Unit for the MDEQ's Remediation and Redevelopment Division. Sara's expertise spans the spectrum of activities related to remediation and redevelopment including extensive investigative, risk assessment and corrective action experience. Sara is a Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) and has been an active member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) since 1998 serving on the Michigan Section Executive Committee twice. She is a founder and co-chair of the Michigan Section's Annual Environmental Risk Management Workshop that focuses on learning technical topics, and promoting collaboration and the building of partnerships among the regulators, consultants, and owners of contaminated property to find solutions to complex environmental problems. Sara holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Aquinas College in physical geography and environmental studies and a minor in political science. She earned a Master of Science degree in earth science with a focus in hydrogeology from Western Michigan University.