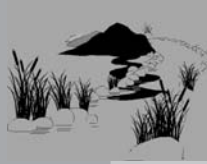


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Wendy has served as a policy manager with the MDEQ's Air Quality Division where she served on the Lake Michigan Ozone Plan committee and worked on transportation and government conformity issues. She has also worked in the private sector for an environmental consultant firm and for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Region 9.

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Richard has been with the Corps for 32 years, as a biologist in the Corps' environmental and regulatory offices of both the Detroit and Alaska districts. He graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in cellular biology. He is currently an active member of the Society of Wetland Scientists.

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In his previous position with MDEQ, Kameron conducted site inspections, assessed project impacts, and then issued/modified/denied permit applications for proposed dredge and fill activities. He also conducted criminal investigations of violations of dredge/fill statutes, and served as expert witness at district court proceedings and administrative hearings.

Previous to the above-mentioned experience, Kameron worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, as a Fisheries Technician, Wildlife Technician, and Wildlife Biologist.

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Jennifer's professional interests include gathering information on threatened and endangered species issues, involving local governments in proactive land use planning, and being treasurer for the Capital Area Audubon Society. She received her bachelor's degree in wildlife and biology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and is currently pursuing a master's degree in resource development from Michigan State University.

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Previous to the above-mentioned experience, Luis worked for the Ingham County Drain Commission.

Luis graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in engineering and he obtained a master's degree in engineering from Michigan State University. He is a professional engineer in the State of Michigan.

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Since 1985, Rick has worked in the Jackson District Office administering the various statutes regulating activities at the land and water interface and for which this workshop is geared. Only recently has he been reassigned to also supervise the Geological and Land Management Division staff of the Lansing District Office.

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Before joining the state, Thomas worked extensively in the resource development sector as a petroleum geologist in the Michigan Basin and Ohio oilfields. In addition, he worked as a project manager for Canyon Minerals, supervising the exploration and development of gold bearing properties in a remote desert region of Southern California.

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