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Speaker Bios

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MORNING

Michael Caldwell is the leader of Zauser's environmental law practice and a member of the litigation team. He brings a creative problem-solving mindset and a broad range of experience to his clients' litigation, regulatory, and transactional needs. He takes great pride in providing real value to his clients with results-oriented and cost-effective legal counsel. Mike has represented Fortune 50 companies, municipalities, small businesses, and individuals in a variety of complex litigation matters, including environmental and general civil disputes. He has handled cases, including class actions, involving soil and groundwater remediation claims, Superfund and Part 201 cost recovery, toxic torts, wetlands permits, mold disputes, and environmental insurance coverage in both state and federal courts.

Outside the courts, Mike has utilized creative strategies and out-of-the-box thinking to help developers and municipalities secure sites for electrical power generating plants, bulk petroleum distribution facilities, and residential developments on environmentally challenged properties, and has successfully negotiated prospective purchaser agreements and covenants-not-to-sue with both federal and state agencies in connection with such brownfield projects. He regularly advises clients on brownfield redevelopment, land use issues, and real estate conveyances. And as a member of several stakeholder groups that regularly meet with the EGLE, Mike has helped shape the statutory amendments and administrative rules that comprise our state's environmental laws.

Mike earned his undergraduate degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University, and his law degree from the University of Michigan. He is active with various sections of the State Bar of Michigan, and served on the Environmental Law Section Council from 2009 to 2012. He has also received various honors, including selection by his peers to the annual lists of Best Lawyers in America, DBusiness Top Lawyers, and SuperLawyers.

Alison Waske Sutter is the City of Grand Rapids' Sustainability and Performance Management Officer. She joined the City in September 2017. Alison has nearly 20 years of experience in the sustainability field and is a licensed attorney. She is responsible for managing the City's sustainability programs as well as creating a performance management program to ensure the City implements its recently adopted citywide Strategic Plan.

Before joining the City, Alison's career included sustainability positions with SpartanNash, a Fortune 400 food distribution and retail business as well as sustainability consulting for the healthcare industry. She began her career as an environmental attorney with Warner Norcross and Judd in 2006. Alison received her law degree and a Masters of Public Affairs from Indiana University and her Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati. In her free time, Alison enjoys hiking and exploring nature with her husband, 2 sons, and dog.

EGLE

Teresa Seidel has been the Division Director for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) Water Resources Division since August 2016. Teresa holds a B.S. in Biology and an M.P.A. in Public Management, both from Grand Valley State University. She has over 25 years of experience in water-related programs and issues, including combined sewer overflows, nonpoint source pollution, industrial pretreatment, industrial and municipal storm water, aquatic invasive species, national pollutant discharge elimination system, biosolids, Great Lakes management, coastal management, and wastewater construction.

Mary Ann Dolehanty is the Director of the Air Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Mary Ann has over 31 years of experience with EGLE in both water and air programs. She has had numerous roles in the Air Quality Division including permit engineer, unit and section manager in the Permit Section, Assistant Division Director, and now Director. Mary Ann has been active in many Department initiatives on leadership, enhanced public participation, and process improvements. In 2016, Mary Ann spent 7 months on special assignment as the Director of the EGLE's Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, providing leadership and support in the aftermath of the Flint water crisis. She is active in several state and national organizations including the Lake Michigan Air Director's Consortium. Mary Ann holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Michigan State University.

Jack Schinderle is the Director of the Materials Management Division of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Jack came to EGLE from a Chicago based environmental company. He has spent most of his time at EGLE working in the waste programs on a wide variety of topics and issues. In addition, he has experience assisting the regulatory programs with compliance assistance and outreach, and supporting statewide efforts towards materials management and a circular economy. Jack holds a Bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a Master's degree from Davenport University.

Liesl Eichler Clark is the Director of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Director Clark was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer effective January 1, 2019. Her previous position was co-founder and partner of 5 Lakes Energy, a policy consulting firm that serves businesses, policymakers, and other stakeholders seeking to advance the transition to a clean energy economy.

Director Clark, a Howell resident, has also served as president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council and as deputy director for energy programs at the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, & Economic Growth. Liesl was a critical catalyst for Michigan's clean energy efforts beginning in 2008, and the application of her work after leaving state government resulted in the formation of Michigan's first trade association dedicated solely to the emerging clean energy industry in this state – the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council (EIBC). Since founding the EIBC, Liesl has been instrumental in building relationships between the clean energy business community and state and federal policymakers while collaborating with energy experts and regulators to spearhead innovative energy policy.

She held a series of roles involving natural resources, environmental and agriculture policy in state government from policy advisor in Governor Jennifer Granholm's office to legislative liaison for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Liesl completed a Master's degree in Public Administration from Michigan State University while working full-time, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Economy from MSU's James Madison College. She has completed the Great Lakes Leadership Academy.

AFTERNOON AIR

Doug Aburano joined EPA's Region 5 office in 1991 after receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago. As a staff person, he worked on ozone control programs like VOC and NOx RACT and the cap and trade programs found in the NOx SIP Call and the Clean Air Interstate Rule. In his current role as a section chief at Region 5, Doug and his group work with the Region 5 states to develop State Implementation Plans (or SIPs) to help areas attain and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet visibility goals.

Tom Shanley is the Air Quality Evaluation Section Manager for the Air Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. He has a Bachelor's in Meteorology and has been with the Air Quality Division for 26 years. Tom has experience in various Air Quality programs including Meteorology, Dispersion Modeling, Enforcement, and Emissions Inventories. In his current position, he oversees the Air Monitoring, Biowatch, Emissions Reporting, SIP Development, Dispersion Modeling, Toxics, and Air Quality Fee programs for the Air Quality Division.

Robert Irvine has worked for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Air Quality Division since 1980, as an engineer then as a supervisor of the SIP Development Unit. He has directed development of State Implementation Plans for Ozone, PM, Regional Haze, and SO₂, including the development of the rules necessary to implement these programs. He also oversees the air quality forecasting and dispersion modeling activities of the Division.

Katie Grantham is an Environmental Planner with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Katie works in SEMCOG's Environment and Infrastructure group, primarily focusing on watershed planning and education, air quality and solid waste activities across the region. She is helping to lead the development of a collaborative One Water Marketing campaign and an EPA green infrastructure grant program for local communities. Prior to joining SEMCOG, Katie worked as a graduate student, studying urban green space and agriculture in Detroit. Katie received her Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Biology from Michigan State University, and her Master's Degree in Environment and Sustainability from the University of Michigan. When Katie is not working, you can find her kayaking and hiking all over Michigan.

AFTERNOON WASTE

Stephen J. Kuplicki is the Operations Manager for the Industrial Waste and Analytical Laboratory Groups for the Great Lakes Water Authority. In this position, he is responsible for (i) oversight of the treatment of wastewater from the homes and businesses within the Detroit Service Area, an 840 square mile area of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, (ii) analytical laboratory operations, and (iii) the implementation and enforcement of Environmental Regulations within the Detroit Service Area.

He has forty-one years of professional experience, with the last 37 years working for the City of Detroit/GLWA in directing the implementation and enforcement of the Industrial Pretreatment Program, High-strength (Surcharge) program, Hauled Waste Program and Groundwater Discharge Program. He has authored the local Ordinances of 1986, 1995, and 2005 for the City of Detroit and the 78 suburban communities that comprise the Detroit Service Area, as well as the 2016 & 2019 Rules developed by the GLWA.

Mr. Kuplicki has a Baccalaureate of Science Degree from Wayne State University in 1979; Master of Engineering Degree from the University of Detroit in 1993, and in 2006 was awarded a Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law. He holds a professional engineering license from the State of Michigan and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

Angie Goodman is the Water Quality Administrator for the Lansing Board of Water & Light. In this role she is responsible for regulatory compliance and customer relations for the utility's water quality. She is a central contact between water production, water distribution and the regulatory agencies and oversees monitoring and response plans for Emerging Contaminants. She has over 18 years of experience in the field of water chemistry and drinking water compliance.

Ms. Goodman earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Lyman Briggs at Michigan State University. Additionally, she is an active member of the Michigan Section of the American Water Works Association serving on the Communications Council and a member of the Research and Treatment Practices Committee, as well as Chair for the BWL's Community Water Advisory Council for Lead and an instructor for the Water Chemistry course for operators.

Trevor Woollatt has more than 20 years of experience in the environmental consulting industry, with a strong background in all aspects of property development from due diligence, including Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, BEAs, and due care investigation and evaluation to demolition and redevelopment. Trevor works on projects that include remediation, demolition, and Brownfield redevelopment incentives. Trevor is a board member for the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and is currently vice-chair.

Dave Fiedler is the Regulatory Affairs Officer for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and is responsible for overseeing the department's rulemaking activities. He is also responsible for coordinating department-wide policy and procedures.

Previously, he managed the department's outreach programs. He spent five years working as a technical assistance engineer for the department's pollution prevention program. He also has ten years of experience in the compliance and permitting sections of the Air Quality Division. He has worked for the department for 40 years. Dave is a graduate of Michigan State University. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in resource development.