

Presenters Bios

Lawra J. Dodge

Board Member

Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

Lawra J. Dodge, PG, LSRP is founder and President of Excel Environmental Resources, a full-service environmental consulting and engineering firm located in North Brunswick, NJ. She is a licensed Professional Geologist (PG) and a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) with 36 years of experience working with municipalities, redevelopment authorities, and non-profit organizations across the State as well as industrial, commercial, and residential property owners, developers, and builders.

Ms. Dodge is a recognized expert in Brownfield remediation and redevelopment and has facilitated the successful cleanup and redevelopment of some of the largest and most challenging properties across New Jersey and the Tri-State area. Her expertise includes remedial action design using innovative technologies to accelerate cleanup and expert litigation support for a wide range of disputes involving contaminated property transfers, allocation of costs for cleanup, third-party cost recovery, and negligence claims.

Ms. Dodge has provided expert consultation to clients to resolve environmental issues associated with environmental insurance coverage, negotiations for tax relief, incorporation of remedial action into redevelopment plans, and reimbursement of investigation and cleanup costs through the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF), Brownfield Redevelopment Agreements, and the Economic Recovery and Growth (ERG) Grant Program.

Since its inception in 2010, Ms. Dodge has served on the NJ Site Remediation Professionals Licensing Board that oversees the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Program and chairs the Board's Continuing Education Committee. Ms. Dodge serves on the Board of the Passaic County Brownfields Commission, the Paterson Environmental Restoration Committee, and the Brownfields Development Area Steering Committee and/or Brownfield Redevelopment Team of several NJ municipalities and cities.

Dana Haymes

Regulatory Officer

Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

Dana Haymes is the Regulatory Officer for the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board, working with the Board since 2012 to establish its policies and carry out its responsibilities, including licensing and auditing of LSRPs, investigating complaints against LSRPs, and developing continuing education for LSRPs. She also worked with the Board to write and promulgate the Regulations of the Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board, N.J.A.C. 7:26I.

Prior to working with the Board, Ms. Haymes was a Senior Environmental Specialist in the Division of Coastal Resources and an Environmental Specialist in the Division of Water Resources of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Ms. Haymes was the law clerk for the 2000-2001 term for the Honorable Jared Honigfeld, J.S.C., Superior Court of New Jersey – Civil Division - Essex County Vicinage. She served as a Deputy Attorney General with the State of New Jersey in the Cost Recovery/Natural Resource Damages Section. She has also worked in the private sector as an environmental consultant with Dan Raviv Associates, Inc. and The RBA Group, Inc., and as an attorney with Sterns & Weinroth, P.C. and Carroll, McNulty & Kull, LLC.

Dana Haymes holds a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Indiana University – Bloomington, a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana University – Bloomington, and a Bachelor of Arts from Williams College. She is admitted to the Bars of New York and New Jersey.

Joann L. Held
Board Member
Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

Joann Held is an Air Toxics Analyst with 26 years of experience in the Air Quality program with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. She has a BS in Meteorology from St. Louis University and an MS in Air Pollution Control from Harvard School of Public Health. Since retiring from NJDEP in 2005 she has been active in Environmental Justice projects in Camden and serves on the DEP Environmental Justice Advisory Council (EJAC) and a number of other DEP workgroups.

Ms. Held has been a member of the Site Remediation Professionals Licensing Board since its formation in November 2010. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Board, as Chair of the Rules Committee, and is a member of the Professional Conduct Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. She is currently a member of the Perimeter Air Monitoring Guidance Workgroup. Ms. Held is active in several Environmental Organizations and has authored or coauthored numerous scientific papers in her field.

Janine MacGregor
Executive Director
Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

Janine MacGregor has been the Executive Director of the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board (Board) since March of 2016. Her primary responsibilities are to oversee the licensing and performance of site remediation professionals. This includes management of all Board activities such as investigating professional conduct complaints, managing the contract to develop and administer the licensing exam, review of initial and renewal license applications, overseeing the board finances and fees, coordinating Board meetings, and communication with the Site Remediation and Waste Management Program.

Ms. MacGregor began her career at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in Site Remediation Program in 1986, working in the field sampling group, then went on to various staff and leadership positions in the areas of planning, strategic development and information systems support. Beginning in 2002 she has worked in the Office of the Assistant Commissioner, serving as a special project coordinator on a variety of projects. For ten years Ms. MacGregor was the program lead for the Passaic River Remediation and Litigation, and before her current appointment she played a major role in implementing many of the transformational initiatives within the Site Remediation Program, and in particular, the Site Remediation Reform Act.

Ms. MacGregor has a BS in Environmental Science from Cook College and an MS in Environmental Geography from Rutgers University.

Mark J. Pedersen
Chairperson
Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

Mark Pedersen is the Assistant Commissioner for the Site Remediation and Waste Management Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He has been with the Department for over 30 years. Previously, Mr. Pedersen served as the Director of Land Use Regulation, where he was responsible for overseeing land use permitting programs. He has worked closely with the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to facilitate recovery efforts and rebuilding of New Jersey's coastal areas in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Mr. Pedersen has vast experience in brownfield development, industrial site remediation, and enforcement. He has had a lead role in implementing many transformation initiatives, including those leading up to the Site Remediation Reform Act. As Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Pedersen's primary responsibilities are to oversee the remediation of contaminated sites in New Jersey and to ensure that solid and hazardous waste are managed in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. He also serves as the Chairman of the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board which oversees the licensing and performance of site remediation professionals.

Ira Whitman
Board Member
Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board

In 1985, Dr. Whitman founded Whitman, consultants in Environmental Engineering and Management. The company is dedicated to serving its clients in the field of environmental compliance by bridging the gap between management and technical issues in environmental compliance and property redevelopment.

Dr. Whitman earned a Ph.D. Environmental Engineering Science at the John Hopkins University in 1968, M.S. Civil Engineering, at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1963, B.C.E. Civil Engineering at the Cooper Union in 1961.

Dr. Whitman is an expert on site remediation, compliance with ISRA, the New Jersey Industrial Site Recovery Act, and on Brownfield site redevelopment. Dr. Whitman serves on the Site Remediation Advisory Group, a group established to assist NJDEP in implementing its site remediation activities. He has been appointed by the Governor to a seat on the LSRP Licensing Board, and chairs the Licensure Committee of the Board. Dr. Whitman has helped to guide a national effort on Brownfields through the Northeast Midwest Institute in Washington, D.C., as a member of the Institute's Board of Directors, and a municipal effort as a member of the Brownfields Environmental Solutions for Trenton (BEST) advisory group since 1995.

Dr. Whitman serves as Technical Advisor to CRISIS, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ, the USEPA TAG Grant recipient for the American Cyanamid superfund site in Bridgewater and Bound Brook. In the 1970's Dr. Whitman served as founding Director of Ohio EPA responsible for all State programs in water and air pollution control, solid waste and drinking water. As a member of the Governor's Cabinet he also chaired the Ohio Power Siting Commission, Commissioner of ORSANCO, and a member of the IJC Great Lakes Quality Board.