

Speaker Biographies

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Anna Wildeman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Water

Anna Wildeman is the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, where she manages work on major rulemaking efforts and leads the nutrient reduction strategy. Ms. Wildeman is an environmental and regulatory attorney who specializes in state and federal environmental law and policy. Prior to joining EPA, Ms. Wildeman served as the Director of the Environmental Protection Unit at the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and was Policy Counsel and Executive to the Environment and Agriculture Committee at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. Before joining the Chamber, she was a partner in the environmental practice group at Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP, where she counseled clients on permitting and compliance issues, defended against regulatory enforcement actions, managed environmental due diligence, and developed regulatory and legislative solutions. Ms. Wildeman has a Bachelor of Science in Art/Design from Northeastern University and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School.

Sharon Nappier, PhD, National Program Leader for Water Reuse, EPA Office of Water

Dr. Sharon Nappier is currently the National Program Leader for Water Reuse in the Office of Water at the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She specializes in environmental health microbiology and quantitative microbial risk assessment; and most recently helped develop the National Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP), which was released on February 27, 2020. Dr. Nappier holds a BS degree in Biology and Environmental Science from The George Washington University; a MSPH degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Environmental Sciences and Engineering; and a PhD from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Environmental Health Engineering.

Lana C. Suarez, Associate Chief, Materials Management Branch, EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management

Lana Suarez is an Associate Chief in the Materials Management Branch and leads the Sustainable Management of Food efforts, under the Sustainable Materials Management Program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Lana joined the agency in 2004 and prior to her present position, she supported federal agencies meet sustainability goals, coordinated federal partnerships for urban waters, and reviewed pesticide labels. Ms. Suarez served as an environmental education Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua from 2000 – 2003. She attended the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources & Environment.

Jean C. Buzby, Ph.D., USDA Food Loss and Waste Liaison, Office of the Chief Economist

Dr. Jean Buzby has worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for over 25 years and is currently the USDA Food Loss and Waste Liaison in the Office of the Chief Economist. Prior to this position, she was on detail at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division. For most of her career, she has worked at USDA's Economic Research Service (USDA/ERS), first as an Agricultural Economist and then as the Chief of the Diet, Safety, and Health Economics Branch. She is domestically and internationally known for her estimates of food loss at the retail and consumer levels in the United States. Dr. Buzby received her Ph.D. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky.

Dana Gunders, Executive Director, ReFED

Dana Gunders is Executive Director of [ReFED](#), a nonprofit focused on advancing data-driven solutions to U.S. food waste. She has dedicated her career to helping industry, policymakers, and consumers identify and activate solutions to reduce food waste. Her landmark 2012 report *Wasted: How America is Losing Up to 40% of Its Food from Farm to Fork to Landfill* sounded a clarion call about the consequences of food waste, and since then, Ms. Gunders has continued to bring the issue to a wider audience through testimony before Congress, her Waste-Free Kitchen Handbook, and appearances in media such as HBO's Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace, and PBS Newshour. When not worrying about it professionally, she spends far too much time convincing her two young kids to eat broccoli stalks and not throw food on the floor.

Sheryl Kunickis, Ph.D., Director, Office of Pest Management Policy, USDA

Dr. Sheryl H. Kunickis is Director of the USDA Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP). She has served in this position since May 2010. She represents USDA's interests in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) related matters and is the USDA representative on the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Federal Advisory Committee. In 2013, Dr. Kunickis briefly served as Acting Director in the Office of the Chief Scientist, and from 2008 to 2010, she was Director of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Remote Sensing Laboratories (RSLs). In August 2010, she received a USDA Honor Award for Management Excellence. Prior to assuming leadership for the RSLs, she served a one-year detail at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as the Deputy Assistant Director for Agriculture, Lands, and Wildlife. In 2003-2004, she was selected as a Department of Commerce Science and Technology Fellow. Dr. Kunickis received her Ph.D. in Soil Science from North Carolina State University. Her M.S. and B.S. degrees in Agronomy were earned at Brigham Young University.

Ed Messina, Esq., Acting Office Director, EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

Ed Messina is currently the Acting Director of EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), and previously served as the Deputy Office Director for Programs. Prior to that Mr. Messina was the Director of EPA's Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, within the Office of Compliance, in charge of EPA's inspection policies; the Acting Associate Director of EPA's Air Enforcement Division, where he helped manage complex air litigation; and a branch chief for both Air and Waste enforcement programs. Ed started his legal career in Chicago where he litigated and negotiated several environmental matters as an Associate Regional Counsel for EPA Region 5. While in Chicago, Ed completed a rotation as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois where he conducted trials in federal district court and presented oral arguments before the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Ed has both a JD and a Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School and a BA from Brandeis University.

Michael Goodis, Acting Deputy Director for Programs, EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

Michael Goodis is the Acting Deputy Director for Programs of the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). OPP regulates the manufacture and use of all pesticides (including conventional, antimicrobial and biopesticides) in the U.S. and establishes maximum levels for pesticide residues in food to safeguard the nation's food supply. Mr. Goodis has over 23 years of experience in collaborating with federal and state agencies; industry and environmental groups; and other stakeholders in pesticide registration and risk management decision making to ensure pesticide products meet required U.S. safety standards.