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Biology Ph.D., fifteen years of program management experience in environmental and public health protection. Extensive knowledge of federal and California state environmental regulation, international chemicals regulation, global sustainability efforts. Facilitation experience with multi-stakeholder groups including state, local government, advocacy groups on regional, state, national policy issues. Leading expert in health impacts of chemical use, national standards-setting and implementation, regional and national chemicals policy reform.

### EDUCATION

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon Ph.D., 1991  
Molecular Genetics of Neural Development  
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts A.B., Biology, 1985

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Principal, Environmental & Public Health Consulting** **September 2002-Current**  
**City and County of San Francisco Department of Environment Toxics Reduction Program**  
**July 2004-Current**

Assist the Toxics Reduction Program in the development and implementation of programs to protect the environment and the health and safety of the City and the private sector workers as well as the general public, including:

- *Green Business Program*: Completed over 60 chemicals use audits of hotels, restaurants, offices and other facilities applying for certification under the San Francisco Green Business Program and provided recommendations for less toxic options; created audit protocol for hotels, general businesses (2005-2008);
- *Used Motor Oil Recycling Program*: authored a study on used oil diversion rates in San Francisco, with an emphasis on the DIY population (2005);
- *Hazardous Waste Management Program for City departments, commercial sectors, and residents*: provided training to City staff on less toxic janitorial options (2007); residential outreach on household cleaners in partnership with Chinatown CBO (2006-2007); drafted factsheets on hazardous waste best management practices for commercial and residential audiences (2006-2008); strategy and analysis for outreach to high-school students on health hazards of personal care products (2007)
- *Toxic Chemical Reduction Program*: Technical research, analysis and recommendations on a wide variety of toxics reduction issues including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), pesticide alternatives, national and state regulation; drafted comment letters to California Air Resources Board on garment cleaning regulations, Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation on flame retardant standard for bedding. Research on health impacts of phthalates and bisphenol-A (BPA) to support City ban of these chemicals in toys; conducted staff training.
- *Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program, Precautionary Principle Program*: Assisted SF Environment staff with the implementation of the City and County's Precautionary Principle Ordinance. Assisted City staff with the development and application of Environmentally Preferable Purchasing criteria to the City's purchase of goods and services (2006); planning and implementation of a Precautionary Principle World Café for World Environment Day (2005)

***The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics*** **June 2006 – October 2007**

Worked with the Campaign and the over 800 companies that have signed the Compact for Global Production of Safe Health & Beauty Products on implementing the Compact for Safe Cosmetics, including substitution plans to eliminate product ingredients known or suspected of causing cancer, mutation or birth defects.

***Women's Voices for the Earth*** **2006-2007**  
[www.womenandenvironment.org](http://www.womenandenvironment.org)

Provided research and content for *Household Hazards* report (July 2007) highlighting health risks from ingredients in home cleaning chemicals, with an emphasis on asthma and reproductive harm.

**Clean Production Action/ International POPS Elimination Network June 2006 – current**

Generate fact sheets for state, local, international policy makers on key materials targeted for phase-out from electronics including PVC, BFRs, and metals; provide research support for addition of chemicals to the Stockholm POPS Convention list.

**Promoting Environmentally Preferable Janitorial Products Project 2004-2006  
Funded by the Upstream Fund of the Jenifer Altman Foundation**

Provided toxics use audits and recommendations for less toxic practices to seven hotels in San Francisco, representing 2,000 hotel rooms and approximately 350 housekeeping staff.

**Environmental Finance Center Region 9 [www.efc9.org](http://www.efc9.org) September 2003-June 2007**

- Researched potential for health impacts in African-American hair products for first multi-stakeholder African-American Hair Salon Roundtable in April 2007
- Facilitated stakeholder discussion at the California Chemicals Policy Symposium, Oakland, California, March, 2006
- Convened multi-stakeholder roundtables (industry, government, environmental and health advocates) on use of brominated flame retardants in electronics and furniture resulting in California's pioneering legislation to phase out PBDEs (2002-2003)

**Kaiser Permanente National Facilities Services July 2006- February 2007**

- Reviewed Kaiser Permanente's purchases in building materials, furniture and patient care equipment to evaluate likely exposures from halogenated flame retardants and bisphenol-A.
- Developed recommendations for KP's National Facilities Services on purchasing criteria to limit current and future exposure of patients, employees and the environment.

**California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Toxic Substances Control**

**March 1993-May 2002**

**Northern California Pollution Prevention Coordinator 1999-2002**

- Created new program to assist local governments in integrating source reduction/ pollution prevention into their day-to-day activities with long-term goal of reducing the use of toxic industrial chemicals.

**Local Agency Training Coordinator 1996-1999**

- Coordinated training for staff from 69 local agencies statewide, covering implementation of six delegated hazardous waste and hazardous materials inspection and enforcement programs
- Coordinated development of training curriculum; managed \$280,000 of training funds annually.

**Hazardous Waste Inspector 1993-1996**

- Regulatory program implementation: co-managed staff of 15 inspectors; organized information-gathering and tracking, industry outreach; broad jurisdiction with region spanning urban and rural, industrial and agricultural sectors; RCRA and non-RCRA inspection and enforcement

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Chair, Board of Directors, Women's Action to Gain Economic Security, (WAGES) 2004-current; chair, 2005-current; [www.wagescooperatives.org](http://www.wagescooperatives.org)**

WAGES' mission is to build worker-owned green businesses that create healthy, dignified jobs for low-income women. In our network of eco-friendly housecleaning cooperatives, women develop personal and professional skills, become leaders, and gain economic security.

**Member, Joint Committee for Sustainable Textiles Standard, Safety of Materials Subcommittee (2004 – current); standard hosted by NSF International, GreenBlue, McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry, Association for Contract Textiles**

**REFERENCES**

- Janet Nudelman, Director of Program and Policy, Breast Cancer Fund (415) 346-8223 x24, [janet@breastcancerfund.org](mailto:janet@breastcancerfund.org)
- Ceil Scandone, Regional Coordinator, Bay Area Green Business Program, Association of Bay Area Governments; (510) 464-7961, [ceils@abag.ca.gov](mailto:ceils@abag.ca.gov)
- Claudia Polsky JD, Chief, Office of Pollution Prevention and Technology Development Department of Toxic Substances Control, California Environmental Protection Agency; (510) 540-3951, [CPolsky@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:CPolsky@dtsc.ca.gov)