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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Ms. Verwiel is a Managing Scientist with ToxStrategies, Inc., and is based in northern California. She has more than 20 years of experience in environmental consulting in the areas of human health risk assessment, site assessment, and environmental regulation. Over her career, she has focused on integrating risk assessment into an overall risk management approach to problem definition, investigation, and mitigation. She has successfully applied this approach in negotiations with regulatory agencies and public groups to develop cost-effective investigations, assessments, and mitigation strategies. She has published and presented papers on a wide variety of topics, including probabilistic risk assessment (Monte Carlo analysis), environmental fate and transport of contaminants, and environmental auditing.

Ms. Verwiel has managed and conducted numerous human health risk assessments that addressed a wide variety of chemicals in soil, soil vapor, air, and groundwater. Petroleum, aerospace, mining, and MGP sites are among some of the most common sites for which she has performed these risk assessments. She has evaluated the chemical signatures, transport mechanisms and ultimate fate, and likely current and future human exposures as key first steps in the health risk evaluation. At sites where volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are present, she has addressed the potential for a vapor intrusion exposure pathway through modeling and measurement, and worked to develop investigation strategies and perform assessments of exposure to indoor and ambient air that included evaluating air emission sources, modeling, soil vapor measurements, and indoor/ambient air measurements.

Ms. Verwiel has a detailed understanding of a broad cross section of environmental regulations, which she has applied to regulatory impact analyses, environmental compliance, and training programs. She has evaluated potential impacts of new regulations on operating facilities and new developments, assessed compliance at operating facilities with a wide variety of environmental regulations, and developed training materials to help regulatory agencies make their requirements clear and to help regulated entities comply. She has conducted air toxic analysis to meet the requirements of Proposition 65, AB2588 Toxic “Hot Spots” Act, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Ms. Verwiel also has communicated risk to formal public groups, such as Restoration Advisory Boards, as well as the general public. She has worked with regulatory public participation specialists, public affairs officers, and others to develop written summaries and presentation materials that convey complex technical issues to the public. She has provided litigation support for several projects involving disputes between owners and operators, alleged air emissions exposures, and California Proposition 65 litigation.

EDUCATION AND DEGREES EARNED

1996 Master of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
1987 B.S., Chemistry, University of California, Irvine

CERTIFICATIONS

OSHA 40-hour training (updated annually since 1987)
OSHA Supervisor training

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Chemical Society (ACS; member)
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC; member)
Society of Risk Analysis (SRA; member)

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Multi-Media Environmental Human Health Risk Assessments

Managed the risk assessment planning process for the soil operating unit of a former airport, aircraft maintenance facility, and military manufacturing site. Worked with EPA to attain concurrence on a scoping document for the risk assessment that addressed the major questions regarding the approach to the risk assessment. This allowed the risk assessment to proceed quickly and streamlined EPA's review.

Managed a site-wide HHRA for an active chemical manufacturing facility subject to RCRA under EPA oversight. Chemicals at the site included VOCs, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, dioxin/furans, and inorganics. Key factors included an upgradient contribution of VOCs from an adjacent Superfund site, shallow groundwater (~5 feet below ground surface), redevelopment of a portion of the former site as a regional park, off-site residences 350 feet from the site boundary, a nearby creek, and a variety of source areas.

Managed human health risk assessment activities at a confidential Superfund mining site. Over the last 10 years, participated in the project management team that developed work plans, performed site characterization activities, evaluated nature and extent of affected areas, and developed a baseline human health risk assessment work plan. Unique features of this project included:

- Developed a site conceptual model that incorporated unique receptors, including a Native American tribal member and forager
- Evaluated incremental sampling methods for mine-waste piles

- Conducted bioaccessibility testing for key metals
- Prepared a work plan and collected data to develop site-specific plant uptake factors
- Collected site-specific background data sets for multiple media and calculated statistically based benchmarks for comparison to site data.

Developed cleanup goals for future redevelopment of a former Department of Energy facility that was being decommissioned. ToxStrategies was hired by the developer to assist in evaluating the implications of hundreds of due diligence samples collected in support of the property transaction. Developed site-specific cleanup goals for more than 50 chemicals in soil, soil gas, and/or groundwater and evaluated these data with respect to the cleanup goals. The cleanup goals were also used by the developer to estimate remediation costs and strategies. The project team worked with regulators—including Missouri’s Department of Natural Resources and Department of Health and Senior Services—to achieve regulatory concurrence on the cleanup goals and enable the project to move forward.

Managed a human health and ecological risk assessment for an operating lumber mill for on-site impacts in operational areas and off-site impacts in a slough. Developed a baseline human health risk assessment (HHRA) and cleanup levels for upland soil and performed the scoping ecological and off-site human health risk assessment to evaluate ecological and human health risks associated with chemicals present in the slough, both of which received regulatory approval. Developed a sediment management strategy to document that conditions in the slough remained protective of aquatic organisms.

Developed a risk assessment approach for the investigation of former ponds believed to have been affected by mine drainage from a nearby mine. Developed a risk-based investigation and risk assessment work plan to evaluate the residual material and the effort necessary to mitigate the impacts at the site.

Project Manager responsible for evaluating environmental issues associated with an approximately 1100-acre ranch where wastewater from a nearby pulp and paper mill was used to irrigate specific agricultural fields.

Supported various parts of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process related to future use of the site as a gravel mine, including preparing public information sheets on dioxins.

Performed an HHRA in support of a Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) for two parcels that were formerly part of a larger manufactured gas plant where PAHs and benzene were key chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) in soil, groundwater, and/or indoor air. The HHRA was approved by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and the RAW was implemented.

Performed an HHRA and developed risk-based remediation goals for future residential or commercial/industrial land use at a former manufacturing site with metals in soil and VOCs in soil vapor, which were approved by DTSC.

Managed a multi-disciplinary project to provide consulting services for the operators of a former fuel storage terminal (the terminal) in the Port of Los Angeles. Performed the HHRA, obtained regulatory concurrence, developed remediation goals, negotiated with the regulatory agency, and provided support to the client’s negotiations with the landowner.

Used a risk-based approach to evaluate off-site risk resulting from a groundwater plume that had migrated from a bulk petroleum storage facility beneath an adjacent residential neighborhood. Worked with members of the public in a formal Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to refine the existing HHRA Work Plan, perform the risk assessment, and achieve regulatory concurrence.

Managed a multi-phase investigation of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil at a residential development that was discovered after redevelopment. Worked with the City, developer, and numerous regulatory agencies to prioritize investigation needs, conduct a comprehensive investigation, and perform a screening risk assessment. Work was completed in an expedited time frame, and the development was able to move forward.

Managed preparation of an HHRA Work Plan for a jet-fuel plume at a major U.S. airport that focused on current and potential future receptors. Negotiated acceptance of the work plan with property owner, and completed the risk assessment.

Lead risk assessor for a residential development planned adjacent to a former agricultural chemical manufacturing facility (the site) where groundwater had been affected by agricultural chemicals and VOCs. Completed the risk assessment, which was approved by the regulators, within strict time constraints required to obtain approval of development financing by lending agencies.

Lead risk assessor for site characterization activities and subsequent remediation measures related to VOCs in soil gas, VOCs, and hexavalent and total chromium in soil and groundwater at a former metal-plating facility pursuant to a Cleanup and Abatement Order with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

Managed the health risk assessment components of the evaluation of waste piles at a former mine site. Performed a background comparison and a risk assessment to evaluate site conditions.

Vapor Intrusion Risk Assessments

Evaluated vapor intrusion of TCE at two industrial buildings adjacent to a shallow soil vapor source. The buildings were monitored over a period of two years, and results demonstrated minimal impacts, with indoor air concentrations below health-based screening levels.

Evaluated potential vapor intrusion of TCE and six other VOCs at 100+ homes in the vicinity of a shallow groundwater plume. Developed an indoor air sampling protocol, health-based screening levels, and letters reporting results to residents. Continued monitoring at fewer than 10 homes after the extent of TCE in groundwater was assessed.

Provided third-party review for a vapor intrusion assessment at a future residential development. Worked with land owner to design a development plan that minimizes potential impacts to new homes.

Lead risk assessor for a vapor intrusion HHRA at a former manufacturing facility redeveloped as a business park in southern California. VOCs, primarily trichloroethylene (TCE), were detected in subsurface soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. Developed an indoor air sampling program, calculated site-specific screening levels, and evaluated off-site migration using soil vapor measurements under regulatory oversight.

Lead risk assessor for a vapor intrusion evaluation at an operating hazardous waste treatment facility with chlorinated solvents present in soil and groundwater both on and off site. Evaluated potential human health risks at nearby residences for on-site workers.

Conducted an indoor air evaluation using multiple lines of evidence to evaluate conditions at a surgical hospital prior to a property transaction. Soil gas, sub-slab soil gas, and indoor air samples were collected simultaneously to provide information for decision making within the time frame of the property transaction.

Conducted an indoor air evaluation at a public building to address potential vapor intrusion issues related to a tetrachloroethene (PCE) plume from a former dry cleaning operation at the site.

Lead risk assessor responsible for evaluating potential human health risks associated with free product on the groundwater table approximately 200 feet below ground surface at a former refinery, and for assessing potential impacts to off-site residents.

Lead risk assessor for an HHRA for a former (UST) site where potential indoor air impacts were the key issue following soil remediation because of residual concentrations of petroleum constituents and 1,2-dichloroethane in groundwater at the site and off-site.

California Proposition 65 Evaluations

Evaluated concentrations of chemical ingredients in lubricant products such as gear oils, greases, and other oils and lubricants, that would require a warning label pursuant to California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly referred to as Proposition 65). Developed exposure scenarios relevant to each product group, such as chemical-specific dermal absorption factors, potential incidental ingestion, product-specific density, and product-specific exposure frequencies. Using these exposure parameters, estimated potential exposures to the listed chemicals in the product, to assess whether Proposition 65 notifications were required.

Provided support to legal counsel and their client in the evaluation of potential off-site exposure to diesel exhaust from ski resort operations.

Performed a Proposition 65 evaluation for a metal forge operation in southern California; results demonstrated that notification was not required for off-site residents.

Evaluated potential exposures to lead in a dietary supplement and in a skin product, based on daily use suggested by the product label. Recommended additional analysis to assess bioavailability to more accurately assess exposure,

Sixty-day notices were sent by plaintiffs' attorneys to numerous industrial facilities in California based on the simple listing of a Proposition 65 chemical in their emission inventory reported to local air districts and made publicly available. Assisted several clients by conducting simple evaluations of their emissions, which showed that, under conservative assumptions, specific regulatory levels for the Proposition 65-listed chemicals had not been exceeded.

Evaluated requirement to notify off-site persons potentially exposed to emissions from an industrial facility in southern California. Developed specific regulatory levels when such levels had not been published by the state.

Provided technical support in negotiations with the California Attorney General's office on behalf of a manufacturing facility that was issued a 60-day notice based on erroneous interpretations of a public air toxics risk assessment report.

Developed a Proposition 65 emission calculator for diesel exhaust from construction activities for a client that conducts numerous construction projects every year, to assess whether notification may be required,

Evaluated building materials, furniture, and chemical products at a large child-care facility, to identify Proposition 65-listed chemicals and assess whether Proposition 65 notification may be required.

Estimated potential exposure to cadmium and lead in a food product, including evaluating laboratory data and researching typical consumption patterns.

Air Toxics Health Risk Assessments

Managed a California AB2588 health risk assessment (AB2588 HRA) for a metal forge operation in southern California. Demonstrated that potential exposures were below significance levels.

Managed a California AB2588 health risk assessment (AB2588 HRA) for emissions from a metal-finishing facility in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Work included generating emission estimates, characterizing source operations, conducting air dispersion modeling, and completing risk evaluation and comparisons to local monitoring data. All work was performed on an expedited schedule to meet agency enforcement deadlines.

Managed evaluation of source material testing for metals (including hexavalent chromium) at various emission sources at a cement manufacturing plant in northern California.

Performed a California AB2588 HRA for a manufacturing facility in northern California, and obtained regulatory approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) with minimal comments.

Prepared a California AB2588 HRA for a film-processing facility with emissions of PCE and other solvents used in film developing and cleaning processes.

Evaluated chemical emissions from multiple air emission sources at an urban medical center, in support of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under CEQA.

Evaluated chemical emissions from multiple emission sources at the University of California – Riverside campus, to support preparation of an EIR for the long-range development plan for the university.

Project manager responsible for evaluating potential worker exposure to vehicle emissions in a proposed subterranean parking garage used for large volumes of material transport. Findings were used to revise the building design to mitigate potential exposures of the workers in the garage.

Led a study to evaluate emissions from neighboring industrial sources prior to construction of a child-care facility at a food production facility, for the convenience of their employees.

Project manager responsible for evaluating potential health effects associated with emissions from an oil drilling operation in a highly urban area of Los Angeles.

Prepared an HHRA for remedial action activities, including dust generation and diesel exhaust, in support of a permit application for a remedial action at a former burn dump and shooting range. Managed development and implementation of an air monitoring plan to document concentrations of particulates and lead for comparison to acceptable levels established in the monitoring plan.

Regulatory Review and Guidance

Co-author of a chapter on risk analysis as part of a California government agency hazardous waste manual.

Risk assessment representative on a technical advisory group (TAG) that produced a guidance document for calculating, applying, and updating site-specific preliminary remediation goals for a large university research facility operated by the Department of Energy.

Developed compliance handbooks for workers and owners of facilities using coatings in the SCAQMD.

Site Characterization

Managed characterization of metals in soil and dust related to emissions from a metal forge operation. Assessed the bioaccessibility of key metals to evaluate potential bioavailability relative to metal forms used for toxicity testing.

Managed the fast-track evaluation of the potential for radionuclides to be present above background levels at the site of sludge deposits from a laundering facility that handled uniforms for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Reported results to the County Public Utilities Commission and testified at the City Planning Department meeting prior to certification of the EIR.

Developed a detailed work plan for the first phase of a multimedia chemical and radionuclide sampling program and served as project manager for the second phase of investigation at a former aerospace manufacturing and rocket testing facility. More than 1,500 soil, water, and vegetation samples were analyzed for chemicals and radionuclides throughout two phases of the project. Work plan and field work approval were provided by EPA, several state regulatory agencies, and a Public Working Group.

Managed subcontractors conducting groundwater monitoring, and provided third-party review for quarterly monitoring reports prepared for tank-farm sites.

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Continuing Education

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