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Instructor Biographies

Sheri Bianchin, Remedial Project Manager (RPM), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5

Sheri L. Bianchin received a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from N.M. Tech and a Juris Doctor from IIT-Chicago Kent specializing in Environmental and Energy Law.

Ms. Bianchin has worked for EPA since 1983. Before joining Superfund in 1994, she worked in the air compliance, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) compliance, and the safe drinking water technical support programs. She has been an RPM since that time and also serves as the Institutional Control Coordinator and a Union Steward for Region 5.

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Cheryle Micinski, Branch Chief, EPA Region 7

Cheryle Micinski has been practicing law for more than 35 years. The first eight years of her career were spent as a prosecutor. She began employment with EPA in 1981. She became the Superfund Branch Chief in the Office of Regional Counsel in 1987, a position she holds today.

Ms. Micinski has been involved and has lead many workgroups which produced guidance and policy on Superfund issues. She teaches many Superfund related courses for EPA and has taught Superfund Enforcement Process for many years. She also organizes and produces the five day New Superfund Attorney Training, acting as both moderator and instructor. Ms. Micinski has served as an adjunct Professor in the School of Business at Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri. She received her A.B. degree from Indiana University and her J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She is a member of the Missouri Bar.

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Jim Mullins, Tetra Tech Services, Inc.

Jim Mullins retired in 2008 from 31 years with the federal government, which included providing 25 years of service to EPA. His roles within the EPA included acting as an Oil Pollution Act and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Team Leader/Section Chief, RCRA Enforcement Officer, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), and RPM. He has expert knowledge in federal emergency response operations dealing with oil and hazardous waste releases, natural disasters, incidents of national significance, and intra-agency coordination. Mr. Mullins was the lead manager or primary participant for a variety of nationally significant EPA initiatives such as the core emergency response initiative and development of a nationally consistent health and safety program for emergency responders.

Mr. Mullins has served the CERCLA Education Center as an instructor for many years. He has taught various courses including Fundamentals of Superfund, Removal Process, and others. He has also participated in various training courses for the annual OSC Readiness training program.

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Mr. Phillips is a chemical engineer and regulatory analyst with more than 23 years of environmental consulting experience focused on the implementation of RCRA, CERCLA, and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA). He has primarily supported EPA, other federal departments and agencies, and state regulatory agencies in rulemakings, program analysis, developing policies and guidance, as well as in site assessment, permitting, inspections, and enforcement of regulations. Mr. Phillips serves as a subject matter expert in developing and delivering training on RCRA, CERCLA, and EPCRA topics. He began his environmental career as an information specialist and training director for EPA's RCRA/Superfund hotline.

Mr. Phillips has been a CERCLA Education Center instructor for various courses including Fundamentals of Superfund, Waste Treatment, Transportation, and Disposal, Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection, Removal and Remedial Processes, and Remedial Design and Remedial Action. He has also participated in training courses for both the OSC Readiness and National Association of Remedial Project Managers (NARPM) training programs.

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