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Dr. Gail Batchelder is currently the Technical Director at HRP Associates, Inc. She is a Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) in Connecticut, a Professional Geologist in three states, and serves on the Board of Registration for Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) in Massachusetts. Her professional responsibilities have focused on site characterization, conceptual site modeling, and evaluation of remedial alternatives, all of which required considerable evaluation of laboratory data and associated QA/QC information. Dr. Batchelder received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in geology from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she worked as a research assistant in the aqueous geochemistry laboratory. She received an undergraduate degree in French from Tufts University.

Paul Clark is an Environmental Analyst 3 with the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Coordination – Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). He earned a B.S. Earth Science from Keene State College, Keene, N.H. in 1983 and since then has been active as leader in the environmental testing, assessment and cleanup field. For over twenty-seven years Paul has been DEEP's lead enforcement analyst assessing environmental impacts at gas station sites where leaks of petroleum from Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) has adversely impacted soil and groundwater resources. As LUST Coordinator, Paul compels station owners and operators to fully comply with the State's release response and corrective action sections of the Department's UST Regulations, Remediation Standard Regulations and Connecticut General Statutes.

Christina Clemmey has over 25 years of experience in environmental consulting. She is currently a senior environmental chemist/data validator at EnSafe Inc. Her responsibilities in this role include providing chemistry support and data validation services for environmental projects throughout the United States for both industrial clients and for US Navy CLEAN projects. Using her knowledge of environmental and analytical chemistry methodologies, she performs data validation in accordance with USEPA Functional Guidelines, EPA region specific and state specific guidelines, and Department of Defense (DoD) - US Navy guidelines. She also assists in supporting environmental data management workflow using EQulS environmental data management software. Ms. Clemmey studied chemistry and the University of Rhode Island and received her B.S. in biochemistry from Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts.

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