

Spring 2023 Generator Workshop Biographies

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Brent Burch is the Compliance Branch Head with the Hazardous Waste Section. He has been with the Division of Waste Management 30 years; 26 of which have been with the Hazardous Waste Section. Brent received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from NC State University. Brent resides in Andrews where he coaches' football and girls basketball, and helps with his church youth program.

Richard Concepción is an Environmental Chemist with the Hazardous Waste Section covering 44 counties on the Western side of the State. He has been with the Section for 7 years. He has over 40 years' experience in the environmental management field, for both private and government entities. He taught as a part-time professor for Mortuary Science for 15 years. Richard has a master's degree in Environmental Science with a Major in Risk Assessment and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He is also a Registered Environmental Manager and member of the American Chemical Society. He enjoys music and plays string instruments.

Dan Girdner is an Environmental Specialist II with the Hazardous Waste Section, covering Guilford County. Dan has worked in the geotechnical and environmental industries for over 20 years as a technician and consultant before joining the Hazardous Waste Section in 2019. He enjoys cooking, visiting museums, camping, and hiking with his family.

Wes Hare is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section, covering thirteen counties in the southeastern region. He has been with the Department since 1999, with duties including compliance and enforcement, environmental assessment, and disaster response. Wes has worked for multiple Divisions and Sections within DEQ, including: Marine Fisheries, Water Resources, the Solid Waste Section, and the Hazardous Waste Section.

Mark Webb is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section in the Resident Inspector program. He has been with the section for 4 years and prior to that worked in the environmental consulting industry. Mark has been heavily involved in projects regarding emerging compounds and forever chemicals such as PFAS and responds to environmental complaints throughout the state. He received his undergraduate degree in Geography from the University of North Carolina Wilmington in 2014. His hobbies include fishing, kayaking, gardening, and playing brass musical instruments.

Aram Kim is an inspector covering ten counties in the northeastern region of the State. Aram spent six years inspecting dry cleaners across North Carolina before joining the Hazardous Waste Section in 2020. She has a bachelor's in environmental science from the State University of New York in Binghamton. Aram is originally from South Korea and lived in different parts of the world including Europe, Asia, and Central America. She enjoys practicing yoga and Zumba dance and exploring local parks with her dog, Tofu.

Andrew Martin is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section. He has over 13 years of environmental compliance experience and has been with the Section for since 2014. His area includes Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties. Andrew has a Bachelor of Science from Lynchburg College and enjoys boating and mountain biking.

Bobby Nelms is an Environmental Specialist II with the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, Hazardous Waste Section. He has worked with the State for 30 years, 28 of which have been with the Division of Waste Management. Within the Division, he has worked with the

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Hazardous and Solid Waste Sections. Bobby conducts hazardous waste inspections at TSD Facilities and responds to complaints throughout the state.

Andrea Stermer is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section, covering 27 counties in the northeastern region of the State. Andrea has been with the Hazardous Waste Section for 4 years and comes to the Section with over 19 years of hazardous waste experience in local government. Andrea has a Bachelor of Science degree in Limnology from the University of Central Florida. She enjoys making handmade cards and running.

Nick Guglielmi is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section. He has 10 years of environmental compliance experience and has been with the Section for 6 years. He is located in the Asheville area and covers the 17 western most counties in the state. Nick has a degree in Environmental Technology from NC State and enjoys mountain biking and rock climbing.

Autumn Romanski is an Environmental Chemist with the Hazardous Waste Section that covers Eastern North Carolina. She is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Autumn was first employed as a sales engineer in the chemical industry for 7 years. She has spent the last 17 years at the NC Department of Environmental Quality and joined the Hazardous Waste Section 5 1/2 years ago. She enjoys traveling, kayaking, fishing and scuba diving.

Rose Pruitt is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section covering 10 counties in the central piedmont part of NC. She graduated from Wake Forest University and has more than 20 years of experience as an inspector with the NCDEQ. Previously, Rose was an inspector with the Water Resources and the Underground Storage Tank Program. Rose joined the Hazardous Waste Section in 2017 and covers ten counties in the central Piedmont area.

Heather Goldman is the Eastern Regional Compliance Supervisor with the Hazardous Waste Section. She has over 17 years of environmental compliance experience and has been with the Section since 2012. Heather earned a Master of Environmental Assessment from NC State University and enjoys hiking, plants, and tying knots.

Jenne Walker is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section. She has worked with DEQ for 23 years, starting with the Division of Water Resources prior to moving to the Division of Waste Management. She has been an inspector with Hazardous Waste since 2008. She is a Raleigh native and received a BA in Geology from NC State University. Jenne enjoys art, music, and spending time outdoors.

Ernie Lawrence is an inspector with the Hazardous Waste Section. He has been with the Section for 12.5 years and NCDEQ for 26 years. He is located in Dobson, NC and covers 10 counties in the northwestern part of NC. Ernie has a PhD in Plant Pathology from Clemson University and enjoys outdoor activities.