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2023 Pipeline Safety Trust Conference Speaker Bios

Kurt Baraniecki, Director Pipeline Integrity / Enbridge Gas Transmission and Midstream

Kurt is a distinguished, and forward-thinking leader and pipeline integrity expert. He brings more than twenty years of extensive pipeline integrity, engineering, and project management experience, and contributed to enterprise success.

From 2015 to 2019, Kurt was the Director of Pipeline Integrity Programs for Enbridge Liquid Pipelines in Edmonton, AB, where he successfully oversaw pipeline integrity in one of the world's longest and most complex crude oil and liquid transportation systems. In 2019, Kurt became Director of Pipeline Integrity at Enbridge Gas Transmission and Midstream in Houston, TX, where he led the journey to transform the Pipeline Integrity Program into a high performing program, eliminating incidents, boosting safety performance, and establishing industry best practices. Through these efforts, Kurt's teams have been the recipient of multiple awards and honors.

Kurt is a holds an MBA in Finance from York University and a BS in Engineering, Geotechnical and Construction Management Specialties from the University of Alberta. He is a licensed professional engineer with a Project Management Professional designation. Kurt is a current INGAA Foundation Quality & Integrity Committee Member. Through his committee involvement, Kurt has led multiple Joint Industry Projects in the Geohazard integrity area.

Paul Blackburn, Attorney / Bold Alliance

Paul Blackburn is an attorney and pipeline policy expert with the Bold Alliance. Starting 2008, he represented clients in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission hearings on the Keystone XL Pipeline, and over the past decade represented clients in Line 3, Line 67, Sandpiper, and Dakota Access pipeline hearings. He also has experience in energy project development, environmental and natural resources law, community organizing, and national communications campaigns. Paul started his legal career in Washington, DC, at the law firm of Van Ness Feldman. After leaving private practice, he worked for nonprofits such as the Sierra Club, the National Environmental Trust, Oceana and Plains Justice. Paul holds a B.A. in Biology from Macalester College and a J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Angelle Bradford, Volunteer Manager / Sierra Club Delta Chapter

Angelle grew up in Baton Rouge, and upon return to Louisiana after university, settled back into South Louisiana life. Named last year's Emerging Changemaker of the Year for the Sierra Club, Angelle has served on the Delta Chapter's executive committee for 4 years, and has led the Transit Equity Team through legislative sessions and wins, campaign development and the first Louisiana Transit and

Planning Summit, along with helping revive youth organizing within the chapter, the political committee and supporting other interest areas for volunteers. Her commitment to advising HBCU students and college students in their own ecological and environmental awakening continues on through the Sierra Student Coalition at Southern University and other partnerships with community groups and universities. A volunteer at heart in this work, Angelle is a formally trained cardiovascular physiologist and medical scientist, expecting to graduate in spring 2024 with her Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Tristan Brown, Deputy Director / Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Since 2021, Tristan Brown has led a team of nearly 600 full time employees (as well as nearly 200 contractors), managing a \$500+ million annual budget—focused on overseeing the safety of 3.4 million miles of hazardous material pipelines and 1.2 million shipments of hazardous material goods transported daily across the United States. Brown also serves on the White House CEQ CCUS Federal and Non-Federal Lands Permitting Task Forces.

Previously, Brown served as counsel to U.S. Senator Gary Peters and as an advisor to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar on matters related to transportation, space policy, energy, the environment, and native American issues. Brown previously practiced law in the private sector, focusing on regulatory, transactional, and litigation matters relating to the transportation and public utilities sectors. He also previously served as Deputy Associate Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Brown earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California Berkeley School of Law, a Master of Philosophy degree from the University of Cambridge where he was a *Gates Cambridge Scholar*, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University where he was a *Morris K. Udall Scholar* and a member of *USA Today's All-Academic Team*. Brown was born in rural Michigan and raised just outside Detroit. As a child he lived in New Hampshire where his father was an automotive manager and previously served as a deputy sheriff. His mother was a social worker and service employees' union representative.

Bill Caram, Executive Director / Pipeline Safety Trust

Bill has served as the Pipeline Safety Trust's Executive Director since 2020 and serves with a passion for fierce independence, public safety advocacy, and environmental protections. The Pipeline Safety Trust is the only national non-profit watchdog organization on the pipeline industry and was formed in the wake of the 1999 Olympic Pipeline Disaster in Bellingham, WA.

Bill serves on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC), serves on a White House CO2 CCUS Permitting Task Force, and is regularly called on as a source for independent pipeline information by state and federal lawmakers and national media outlets.

Bill graduated with a BS in Business Administration from the University of Delaware and has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation from the CFA Institute.

Asa Carre-Burritt, Director of Policy and External Affairs / Bridger Photonics, Inc.

At Bridger Photonics, Asa provides recommendations to regulatory agencies on the implementation of advanced methane sensing technologies within environmental and safety rules. In addition, Asa helps develop field research projects for Bridger's Gas Mapping LiDAR technology and works to situate product offerings according to market requirements. Asa's background includes nearly a decade of

applied chemical research. He completed his doctorate studies at Cornell University and Colorado School of Mines.

Paige Chenevey, Field Services and Planning Manager / Marathon Pipe Line LLC

In her current role, Paige is responsible for leading ROW services, stakeholder engagement, damage prevention, geospatial technology, planning, data, and analytics for MPL. Paige also leads MPLX's Environmental Justice Working Group and is responsible for MPL's Sustainable Landscapes Program. Paige has 20 years of experience at Marathon Petroleum Corporate (MPC). She has held various positions within MPC including environmental engineer; air compliance coordinator; product manager; category manager; environmental, emergency preparedness and security supervisor; facility integrity management coordinator; and due diligence and process safety coordinator. Paige graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1999 and was licensed as a Professional Engineer in 2005. She currently serves as Treasurer and Board Member for Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services (non-profit) in Hancock County, Ohio.

Alan Chichester, Director of Safety, Operations, & Engineering / American Gas Association

Alan Chichester is Director of Safety, Operations, & Engineering at the American Gas Association (AGA) in Washington, D.C., where he serves as staff executive for AGA's Operations Safety Regulatory Action (OSRAC) and Engineering Committees. In addition to AGA committee support, Alan is responsible for AGA's pipeline safety advocacy efforts, facilitates AGA technical publications, and is a peer reviewer for AGA's Enhanced Peer Review program.

Alan has spent 18 years in the natural gas industry across a variety of roles, including gas regulatory, pipeline engineering, and operations compliance. He is a licensed Professional Engineer, and holds a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University as well as a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University.

Iain Colquhoun, Chief Engineer / Canada Energy Regulator

Iain holds degrees in mechanical and structural engineering from the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. He brings over forty-five years of experience in pipeline, mechanical, and structural engineering to the Canada Energy Regulator where he has been Chief Engineer and Chief Conservation Officer since September 2010. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of Alberta and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Iain's area of specialty in last 25 years has been in the development of risk-based pipeline integrity management programs.

Maggie Coulter, Senior Attorney / Center for Biological Diversity

Maggie Coulter is a Senior Attorney in the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate Law Institute where she works on federal oil and gas issues and false solutions. Before joining the Center, she worked as an environmental advocate for various nonprofit organizations, including American Forests, Defenders of Wildlife, Hudson Riverkeeper, and the public interest environmental law firm Meyer Glitzenstein & Eubanks LLC.

J. Andrew Drake, PE, Senior Strategic Advisor / Enbridge

Education: BS Industrial/Manufacturing Systems Engineering degree from The Ohio State University, 1982

Career: Joined Texas Eastern as an Engineer in the Technical Services Department in 1982. Over the past 30 years, Andy has worked in numerous different roles of increasing responsibility across the Engineering and Operations Groups including serving as Vice President of Engineering and Construction, Vice President of Operations and EHS, and most recently as the Vice President of Asset Integrity for Enbridge Gas Transmission and Midstream. Currently, he serves as a Senior Strategic Advisor as he transitions to retirement from Enbridge.

Affiliations: Andy has served as Chairman of ASME's Gas Piping Standards Code, Chaired the development of ASME's Gas Piping Integrity Management Program Standard (B31.8S). He represents the Gas Transmission Industry on DOT's Technical Advisory Committee, chaired the development of the INGAA Integrity Management Continuous Improvement initiative, is an ASME Fellow and a Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

Gillian Giannetti, Senior Attorney / Natural Resources Defense Council

Gillian is a Senior Attorney in NRDC's Sustainable FERC Project, where she leads its gas pipeline and liquefied natural gas advocacy. A recognized expert in the field, Gillian has been quoted in numerous media outlets on energy issues, including the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Politico*, *Bloomberg*, *Law360*, and *Financial Times*. Additionally, Gillian serves as a Reports Editor for the *Energy Law Journal* and has been a guest lecturer at Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Virginia School of Law. Prior to her time at NRDC, Gillian was an associate at K&L Gates LLP in both their Pittsburgh and Washington, DC offices. Before becoming a lawyer, Gillian taught 9th grade English at East St. John High School in Reserve, Louisiana, and served as an admissions advisor at a technical college in Newport News, Virginia. Gillian earned a bachelor's degree in political communication, *summa cum laude*, from The George Washington University, and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. A native of suburban Philadelphia and a long-suffering Philadelphia sports fan, Gillian lives in Springfield, Virginia with her husband, two children, two dogs, and cat.

James Eager, Data Manager / Pipeline Safety Trust

James joined the Pipeline Safety Trust in December 2021 as the organization's Data Manager. He is passionate about telling stories through data using elegant, accessible, and responsible techniques. At PST, James applies these techniques to enhance and enrich the organization's communication of data to key stakeholders at all levels of involvement. James' previous experience includes working for local governments and environmental organizations on land use, conservation, and transportation projects.

Cindy Hansen, Affected Landowner

Cindy Hansen is a lifelong native Iowan. She is a farmer's daughter; raised on the farm; learning the value of family, land, livestock, hard work, nature, and environment. She is a graduate of the College of Saint Mary with a degree in Nursing Sciences. She worked for 32+ years in the Critical Care Unit at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, part of Unity Point Health System, as a Critical Care RN, Clinical Manager, and Preceptor for the Open-Heart Surgery Program, teaching new staff. During that time, she was twice awarded Who's Who in Young American Professionals and was also awarded a Who's Who in American Nursing. Since retiring, she has been a Volunteer for two wildlife rehab facilities in Iowa, Saving Our

Avian Resources (SOAR) and Iowa Bird Rehabilitation. In the past two years, she states she has learned more about hazardous CO2 pipelines than she ever cared to know, in order to advocate for and protect her family's Century Farm, her neighbors, their land, livestock, nature, and the environment. She has addressed her concerns at the Iowa State Capitol, speaking with legislators and at sub-committee hearings, and at Iowa Utility Board meetings. She has been asked to speak at landowner presentations. She continues to advocate for landowners' rights and safety.

Nick Homan, Integrity and Corrosion Engineering Manager / Marathon Pipe Line LLC

Mr. Homan graduated from The University of Toledo with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1998 and a master of business administration degree from Bowling Green State University in 2003. He joined Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC) in 2004 as a pipeline engineer in Findlay, Ohio. Throughout his career at MPC, Mr. Homan has held various engineering, operations, and commercial leadership positions within the project engineering, terminal, and pipeline organizations. In August 2016, Mr. Homan assumed his current position as Integrity and Corrosion Engineering Manager for Marathon Pipe Line LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marathon Petroleum Corporation. In his current role, he manages asset integrity, risk analysis and corrosion management programs for pipelines and storage tank facilities operated by Marathon Pipe Line LLC and MPLX LP. Mr. Homan is a registered professional engineer in the state of Ohio. In 2017, Mr. Homan joined the Pipeline Research Council International Executive Assembly and currently serves on the Executive Board as Vice Chair. Prior to joining Marathon, Mr. Homan was employed as a mechanical engineer in the automotive tire and rubber industry for five years.

Matt Isom, Vice President – North American Engineering / Plains All American

Matt Isom is the Vice President of North American Engineering for Plains and leads engineering, project management, project services and asset integrity. Prior to Plains, Matt worked for NuStar Energy where he held roles in project management, operations, and maintenance. Matt received a Master's degree in Systems Engineering from Texas Tech University and an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy. Matt is a veteran of the United States Air Force and enjoys spending time with his family.

Cliff Johnson, President / Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI)

Cliff Johnson joined the Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI) as President in September 2010. He previously served as Director of Public Affairs at NACE International. Mr. Johnson's legislative career includes positions with Texas State Senator Gregory Luna, US Congresswoman Connie Morella, US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and the Governor of Texas Ann Richards. Under Mr. Johnson's leadership, PRCI's membership has grown to over 75 members across the globe. In 2015, he led the creation of the Technology Development Center— a state-of-the-art pipeline research facility in Houston. In 2019, he developed the Strategic Research Priority (SRP) to enable PRCI members to drive the execution of strategic research efforts. In 2021, he launched the Emerging Fuels Institute, a consortium of industry members driving research to enable the energy transition.

Steve Kenkel, Chairman / Shelby County Board of Supervisors

Steve Kenkel is completing his 11th year as a Supervisor of Shelby County, Iowa, a rural county in Western Iowa, serving the last two years as chairperson. Steve is leading a state charge in helping County Supervisors protect their citizens using the local tools of County Home Rule and their zoning powers. Shelby County was the first county in Iowa to implement land use and zoning ordinances to help mitigate the health risks and protect their economic development areas from the hazards associated with CO2 pipelines. Steve is also fighting a lawsuit filed against him and Shelby County by a CO2 pipeline company, challenging their traditional local zoning power and setbacks. Steve has been instrumental in Iowa and border states, providing a checklist of tasks Supervisors can implement to better protect their county, citizens, and landowners from the CO2 pipeline stampede. Steve is a fifth-generation farmer, living on his family's century farm, in Earling, Iowa, with his wife Paula. They have 5 adult children and 8 grandchildren.

Max Kieba, Program Development Division Director / Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA)

Max Kieba currently serves as the Director of Program Development at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Office of Pipeline Safety. The Program Development team serves as an intersect between policy, data analysis and technical issues while helping to develop or enhance programs to achieve OPS's mission. Among other initiatives, Max is co-sponsor of PHMSA's Carbon Dioxide team and helped coordinate and facilitate PHMSA's CO2 public meeting.

Richard Kuprewicz, President / Accufacts, Inc.

In my role as President of Accufacts Inc., I provide independent consulting services based on over 50 years of experience to assist decisionmakers in making informed decisions concerning pipelines. I provide pipeline safety expertise in gas and liquid pipeline investigation, including, risk management, siting, construction, design, operation, maintenance, training, control room management including Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") approaches, leak detection, management review, emergency response, pipeline safety regulatory development and compliance. Much of my background is grounded on pipeline incident investigations following too many pipeline tragedies spanning several decades. My efforts are usually focused on pipeline operations in unusually sensitive areas, such as areas of high population density or significant environmental sensitivity.

Irene Leech, Affected Landowner

Irene Ellis Leech grew up on an over 100 year old Angus beef seed-stock farm in the geographic center of Virginia. She promised her father and grandfather that the farm will be passed to the next generation in as good or better condition and her husband manages the farm today. A graduate of Virginia Tech, she has spent her working life as an educator, researcher and advocate for consumers, primarily employed by Virginia Tech as a faculty member in its Cooperative Extension, teaching and research missions. In 2014, her family was notified that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline planned to put a 42 inch high pressure transmission pipeline through the middle of their farm business for 1.1 mile, placing every building – homes and barns, some dating from the 1800's - in the incineration zone, 2 miles after the compressor station. Within months, the Mountain Valley Pipeline was announced to cross the community Irene lives in near her work, placing their 1797 home in the evacuation zone. For over 30

years, she has been an active participant in public meetings on consumer policy and regulations at the local, state, and national levels. In recent years, most relate to pipelines.

Bryan Lethcoe, Director, Southwest Region / Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA)

Bryan served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, both as an active-duty submarine officer and in various leadership and staff roles in the Navy Reserve, retiring with the rank of Commander. Since leaving active duty, Bryan has over 20 years of experience working in a variety of segments in the Oil and Gas industry in Houston, including onshore and offshore pipeline integrity technology development, pipeline integrity consulting, offshore drilling technical audit and field support, LNG technical audit and operational excellence, and High Reliability Organization consulting. Prior to joining PHMSA, Bryan was the Director, Office of Program Management Support, Office of Defense Programs for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in Albuquerque, NM.

Anthony “Tony” Lindsay, P.E., Managing Director / GTI Energy

Mr. Lindsay is Managing Director of the Energy Infrastructure Group within the Low Carbon Energy Solutions research division at GTI Energy where he oversees the organization’s research and development activities for technology concepts, products and services focused on ensuring a safe and reliable energy delivery infrastructure. His group innovates and advances energy transmission and distribution technologies, processes, and procedures concentrated on environmental matters, enabling the use of hydrogen and renewables; infrastructure rehabilitation and improvements; data and integrity management; risk evaluation modeling; and high-tech sensors and automation for the energy industry.

Mr. Lindsay has over thirty-nine (39) years of experience in the energy industry during which he spent time in both the natural gas regulated utility sector as well as technical consulting and new business enterprises, before moving on to research & development aspects of the energy industry.

Mr. Lindsay received a B.S. in Thermo-Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Illinois. He has been active with the Illinois Alliance for Clean since its inception in 1994 and has served on the board of directors and in various positions during his tenure.

Alan Mayberry, Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety / Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Alan Mayberry is the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in Washington, DC and serves as the senior career official leading pipeline safety for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Before his appointment in 2016, Alan served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs, leading PHMSA’s development of comprehensive oversight programs including regulatory development, engineering and research, state grants, federal enforcement and the Training and Qualifications Division. Prior to August 2013, Alan was the Deputy Associate Administrator for Field operations overseeing US pipeline safety oversight through PHMSA’s five regional offices.

Alan has over 41 years of experience in energy equally divided between pipeline operations and design engineering.

Alan is a Civil Engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is also a registered professional engineer.

Amanda McKay, Policy Manager / Pipeline Safety Trust

Amanda McKay is the Policy Manager for the Pipeline Safety Trust. Since joining the Trust in April of 2022, she has immersed herself in the regulatory issues around carbon dioxide and hydrogen pipelines and the safety risks they pose to local communities. Amanda has a background in environmental policy, communications, and community engagement. She received her B.A. in Environmental Policy from Western Washington University and has a Master's degree in Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law (MSL) from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR.

Nicolas Medina, Public and Stakeholder Engagement Manager / ExxonMobil Pipeline Co.

Nicolas (Nick) A. Medina, is the Public and Stakeholder Engagement Manager for ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. A native of Nicaragua, Nick has a global perspective of our industry having worked 33 years with ExxonMobil in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Russia, and throughout the U.S., including Alaska. Nick chaired the American Petroleum Institute's (API) Pipeline Public Engagement and Awareness Group and represents ExxonMobil in API's Midstream Committee and Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure Subcommittee, the Liquid Energy Pipeline Association and the Interstate Natural Gas Association Foundation. Nick holds a degree in Economics and International Relations from the American University and a Master in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jeff Morton, Senior Director, Transportation Compliance / Enterprise Products

Jeff Morton is Senior Director, Transportation Compliance for Enterprise Products Partners with over 30 years of experience in the oil and energy industry, holding various positions of increasing responsibility. Extensive experience in pipeline safety regulations, engineering analysis, cost evaluations, contract negotiations and project management in both domestic and international markets.

Jeff graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Missouri-Rolla (Missouri University of Science & Technology) and a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma State University. Active participant on several industry task groups including API, GPA Midstream, and Common Ground Alliance.

Erin Murphy, Senior Attorney, Energy Markets & Utility Regulation / Environmental Defense Fund

Erin Murphy is a Senior Attorney with Environmental Defense Fund, representing EDF in federal and state regulatory proceedings and litigation, and seeking to shape natural gas utility and pipeline oversight to facilitate energy decarbonization. She advocates for standards and practices to reduce methane emissions from gas pipeline networks. Previously, Erin clerked at the Maine Supreme Court and graduated from Georgetown Law (J.D.) and the University of Florida (B.A., Environmental Science).

Meg O'Connor, Data Analyst / PHMSA

Meg is the Data Analyst for PHMSA's Accident Investigation Division. Her team is responsible for conducting investigations of federally regulated pipeline failures across the country and to identify trends and lessons learned. Prior to joining PHMSA one year ago, Meg worked as a Satellite Imagery

Analyst for the US Navy, where she traveled the world on vessels. She has a passion for data science, machine learning, and the natural and physical sciences.

Virginia Palacios, Executive Director / Commission Shift

Virginia Palacios is the Founder and Executive Director of Commission Shift, a nonpartisan advocacy organization building public support to reform oil and gas oversight in Texas through accountability at the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC). Virginia is a 4th generation landowner in Webb County, Texas, one of the highest gas-producing counties in the state, and lives next to natural gas transmission lines and gathering lines.

She was a research analyst on EDF's oil and gas team for five years, where she authored reports and contributed to analyses on methane emissions leaks from distribution pipelines. She also served as an expert witness on advanced leak detection technologies and leak quantification methodologies in natural gas utility rate cases throughout the U.S. Before Commission Shift, she worked as a consultant for a variety of groups including Green Latinos, a national environmental advocacy group. At Commission Shift, she is leading the development of policy recommendations to address the structure of Texas' oil and gas oversight and how it prepares for the energy transition.

Virginia holds a Master of Environmental Management degree from Duke University, and was recently selected to serve on a White House Task Force on CCUS on non-federal lands.

Carolyn Raffensperger, Executive Director / Science and Environmental Health Network (SEHN)

Carolyn Raffensperger is executive director of the Science and Environmental Health Network. She has an M.A. in Archaeology and a J.D. While working as an archaeologist in the desert Southwest of the U.S., she was enchanted by the beauty of the landscape and horrified at the environmental threats posed by dams, mining and toxic waste disposal. She left archaeology to work for the Sierra Club in Illinois. The desire to protect the rivers, prairie and desert led her to law school. Her graduate school training in archaeology and her law school education provide the tools Carolyn needs to serve her clients—the future generations of all species. Carolyn co-convened the 1998 Wingspread Conference on the Precautionary Principle and the 2012, 2014 and 2016 Women's Congresses for Future Generations. Carolyn is co-editor of *Precautionary Tools for Reshaping Environmental Policy* published by M.I.T. Press (2006) and *Protecting Public Health and the Environment: Implementing the Precautionary Principle*, published by Island Press (1999).

Eloise Reid, Coordinator / Louisiana Against False Solutions Coalition

Eloise Macmillan Reid is the coordinator of the Louisiana Against False Solutions Coalition, when she started in May of 2022. Previously, she ran a food and economic justice Covid-relief program in Vermont, earned a Master's degree from the University of Michigan in Environmental Justice at the School for Environment and Sustainability with Dr. Dorceta Taylor and Dr. Tony Reames, and was an educator at the Edible Schoolyard New Orleans for 4 years, where she worked to support union organizing and anti-racist education. She is currently a Geography and Environmental Studies Doctoral Student at the Rubenstein School of Natural Resources at the University of Vermont working with Dr. Bindu Panikkar.

Cynthia Robertson, Executive Director / Micah Six Eight Mission

After a career in management, Cynthia (Cindy) went back to school at Prairie View A&M in her 40s for a social work degree, and earned her master's degree from the University of Houston. Her work in nonprofits has spanned thirty years, beginning as the Executive Director of a nonprofit focusing on sustainable agriculture and lifestyle in the 90s, leading staff for the teaching/research gardens, restaurant and gift store. Cindy then founded a nonprofit in Texas, working with the elderly and adults with mental and emotional disabilities. Moving to Sulphur, Louisiana, Cynthia saw a great need in the low-income neighborhood known as Portie Town and started Micah 6:8 Mission to feed the homeless and educate and organize the community around social justice issues in 2019. Micah 6:8 Mission presently works with neighbors suffering from addiction and mental health issues, and educates the community on the public health and disaster issues caused by the huge environmental impact the fossil fuel industry has on Southwest Louisiana. She was awarded the State of Texas Governor's Volunteer Award, Community Capacity Builder in 2008 and has been appointed to the National Academy of Medicine's Climate Community Network this year.

François Rongere, Senior Director and Solution Architect, Climate and Safety / Picarro, Inc.

At Picarro, Francois Rongere spearheads the design of innovative solutions to help gas operators leverage new sensing technologies to enhance safety and reduce emissions. He has more than 30 years of experience in the development of advanced technologies for gas operations, electricity generation, and energy use. Most recently, he was the head of the R&D and Innovation team for Gas Operations at PG&E, that he formed in 2012 and led to national recognition in 2018. He has been instrumental in the implementation of the first methane abatement regulation in California since 2014. Before joining PG&E, Francois managed a Corporate Venture organization for Electricite de France in the US and has been teaching in engineering schools in France and in the US, most recently developing curricula on Renewable Energy, Batteries and Biofuels at San Jose State University. He graduated from the Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble in France.

Chris Ruhl, Director, Accident Investigation Division / PHMSA

Chris is the Director of PHMSA's Accident Investigation Division. His team is responsible for conducting investigations of federally regulated pipeline failures across the country. His team works closely with States that administer investigations under their jurisdiction. Chris's team strives to identify emerging trends and lessons learned that can improve pipeline safety.

Alexandra Shaykevich, Research Manager / Environmental Integrity Project

Alexandra works for the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), a nonpartisan, nonprofit watchdog organization that advocates for effective enforcement of environmental laws. Alexandra joined EIP in 2019 and primarily supports their Oil and Gas Program. She manages EIP's Oil & Gas Watch website, a free online database of public records and information that tracks the rapid expansion of oil, gas, and petrochemical infrastructure throughout the U.S.

Erin Sutherland, Policy & Program Director/Counsel / Pipeline Safety Trust

Erin Sutherland is the Policy & Program Director/Counsel for the Pipeline Safety Trust. Erin's areas of expertise include regulatory and legal affairs and government transparency. Previously, Erin worked as staff attorney for the farm animal program at the Animal Welfare Institute and clerked at the public interest law firm Meyer Glitzenstein & Eubanks. Erin graduated from North Carolina State University

with a degree in Natural Resources Policy and Administration, and obtained a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School with a certificate in Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law.

Joshua Trosclair, Organizer with the Property Rights and Pipeline Center, and At Large Member of DSA Southwest Louisiana Steering Committee.

A lifelong resident of Jeanerette, Josh's friends and family have long been captured by an industry that has no love for them. After some bad run-ins trucking, Josh has now dedicated his life to aiding his community anyway he can, be it speaking out for a just transition or through baking for mutual aid.

Brian Weisker, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer / Duke Energy Natural Gas Business Unit

Brian Weisker serves as senior vice president and chief operations officer for Duke Energy's natural gas business. He leads the gas utility operations, including construction, engineering, operations support and maintenance, asset management and integrity, operations performance, gas control, quality management and pipeline safety.

Weisker has more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry. Prior to assuming his current position in January 2020, he served as Duke Energy's vice president of operational excellence within the natural gas business.

He began his career as a nuclear submarine officer serving onboard three separate fast attack submarines. After leaving military service, Weisker joined Cinergy Corp., where he held several corporate leadership roles from 2002 to 2006. Following Duke Energy's merger with Cinergy in 2006, he served as the plant manager at the East Bend, Allen, and Marshall power plants. He was named vice president of coal combustion products, operations and maintenance in 2015. Weisker assumed the position of vice president of operational excellence for the natural gas business in 2018.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Weisker graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering. He also earned a Master of Business Administration from Tulane University.

Jeff Whitworth, Director, Emerging Fuels Institute / Pipeline Research Council International

Jeff Whitworth leads the Emerging Fuels Program for Pipeline Research Council International (PRCI). In this role, Jeff focuses on delivering solutions to meet the demands of pipeline transportation during the transition to a renewable energy society while improving process safety performance and operational practices across the pipeline industry. Prior to joining PRCI in 2021 in a consulting role, Jeff enjoyed a 38 year career in the upstream and midstream energy industry. He spent the last 20 years at Shell Pipeline Company where he led the reliability and integrity program and was responsible for engineering and operations standards that delivered sustainable and safe performance. His educational background includes a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration, both earned from The University of Texas at Austin.

Virginia Wiltshire-Gordon, Community Engagement Manager / Pipeline Safety Trust

Virginia joined the Pipeline Safety Trust in August 2023 as the organization's Community Engagement Manager. She brings a commitment to supporting community education and empowerment to help

create safety and a just, livable future for everyone. Previously, Virginia worked at the research and policy consulting firm ECONorthwest as a technical manager in qualitative and participatory approaches focusing on equity and the environment. Through this work, she connected people's life experiences with public policy decisions. Additionally, Virginia has been deeply involved with advocacy organizations centering environmental, climate and racial justice. She graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in Environmental Studies with minors in Biology and Math.

Jade Woods, Louisiana based CCS Campaigner / Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Jade Woods (she/her) is the Louisiana-based Carbon Capture & Storage Campaigner for the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). She serves as a point person for CIEL's goal to prevent carbon capture and storage (CCS) buildout in the Gulf South region. Her work includes coordinating regional and national strategies to resist CCS development, supplying frontline partners with the resources and support required to further their work, and supporting the creation of safe and just clean energy alternatives. She is thrilled to return to her home state of Louisiana to work on such pressing climate justice issues. Jade earned an A.B. in Government with honors from Harvard College in 2022. Jade can be contacted at jwoods@ciel.org.

Mary Zanter, Program Manager / South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and NAPSR Central Region Chair

Mary has worked for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for 11 years ensuring that the natural gas pipelines within the state operate safely. She also worked for a natural gas operator for 15 years, first in the gas engineering department and then as an operations supervisor. Mary served as the National NAPSR chair in 2020-2021 and currently serves as the NAPSR Central Region Chair. Mary has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in business administration.