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Zachary Adams is a chemical engineer with 3½ years' experience in the water treatment industry. His expertise is in the field of water disinfection using calcium hypochlorite. Areas of experience include: calcium hypochlorite feed system design, research and development of disinfection equipment, state pilot trials using calcium hypochlorite, and calcium hypochlorite start-up systems and training. In addition to the municipal field, Mr. Adams works in industrial sanitation using calcium hypochlorite for poultry, fruit, and vegetable wash applications. He received his bachelor's degree from Georgia Tech in 2003 and worked for a polymer coatings company before coming to Arch Chemicals in early 2005.

Steve Ainsworth has been with EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) since 1989. During his time with OGWDW, he has participated in numerous regulatory workgroups, including those for the Ground Water Rule, Underground Injection Control Class V Wells, and Pesticide State Management Plans. He has spent most of his career, however, on development of non-regulatory programs including Wellhead Protection Programs, State Comprehensive Ground Water Programs, and Source Water Protection Programs. He has managed several large grants and is currently managing grants to the Water Systems Council and West Virginia University's Environmental Services Center. Steve has a Masters degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia and lives with his wife and daughter in Alexandria, Virginia.

Jeffrey Albright's water law practice includes research, hearings, transfers, buying and selling water rights, water rights adjudications before the office of the State Engineer and District Court, and water conservation plans. Over the past three years, he has coordinated drafting 40-year water plans for municipalities and the County of Bernalillo under the New Mexico Statutes. He hosted the first MCLE symposium in New Mexico on ground water infiltration and injection and has testified as an expert on water law in New Mexico District Court cases.

Rick Allen has been involved in the environmental business for over fifteen years and provides his experience and knowledge to groups and organizations ready to learn key environmental tools for enhancing their operational strategies. He also works with manufacturers to develop proprietary systems for the treatment of municipal, industrial, animal, and poultry wastewater streams. Rick has been a consultant, speaker and trainer for over 12 years in the areas of soil and water microbiology, and he provides presentations to wastewater organizations around the country on environmental issues grounded in current methodologies and new technologies that address important solutions for difficult business and operational issues.

Michael Alvidrez is the Utilities Director for The Pueblo of Santa Ana with over 28 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. Mr. Alvidrez has been training operators for NM state certification and system operations with organizations such as NMRWA, NM Water and Wastewater Association (NMWWA), Indian Health Service, US EPA Region IX and VI, and Navajo Nation EPA since 1998. Michael owns Alvidrez Water Operations, a water consulting business. He also holds positions with Indian Health Service Advisory Board and New Mexico State University Tribal Wastewater Committee. Currently Michael holds Water IV, Distribution III, Collections II, and Wastewater II certifications, and is the 2009 President Elect for NMWWA.

Steve Archibeque, CPA, is the Senior Audit Manager for the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor. He has 24 years of auditing experience including 6 years as an internal auditor at the NM Department of Transportation and 18 years of financial auditing experience with the NM Office of the State Auditor. Steve holds a B.A. degree in accounting (1984) and an M.B.A. from New Mexico Highlands University (1985). Steve has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1991. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of Government Accountants. Steve has extensive experience performing financial audits of numerous state and local governments in New Mexico and is an expert in governmental auditing, accounting and financial reporting.

Paul Bailey has worked for ESRI for 10 years, and is part of a team focused on support of water, wastewater, storm water, water resource organizations, and engineering firms. ESRI leads the international geographic information system (GIS) software industry with innovative solutions that help more than 300,000 organizations create, manage, visualize, and analyze information. ESRI clients use ArcGIS software to unlock the spatial component of data and quickly make effective decisions. ArcGIS is an integrated family of products on desktops, servers, or custom applications for use in the field or online.

Lonnie Barker is currently Siemens' Senior Application Engineer and Product Promoter for the Gulf Coast Region, which includes the states of Arizona and New Mexico. His prior positions in the areas of technical support and field service are extensive. Overall, Mr. Barker has seventeen years of industry experience, specifically in Level Process Instrumentation. Furthermore, Mr. Barker has four years of experience in developing and performing detailed, specific technology training programs.

Rick Bela is a retired attorney who specializes in board training and organizational development of small businesses and community nonprofit organizations. Mr. Bela has more than fifteen years' board training experience, including training of rural New Mexico mutual domestic associations, cooperatives and water districts. Mr. Bela is a native to New Mexico and a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso and of the University of Texas Law School in Austin, TX. He has served in a variety of federal government positions and as an executive of several national associations in Washington, D.C. from 1980 to 2000, before returning to New Mexico.

Dan Boivin is a Professional Engineer with over 25 years' experience in public infrastructure and water resources engineering. As Principal Engineer with Smith Engineering, he is responsible for the firm's water and wastewater program and has designed water and wastewater infrastructure for communities across New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona. He contributed to the NM Environment Department's *Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities*, authoring the chapter on wastewater ponds. He regularly provides training in water and wastewater planning and treatment for such organizations as the University of New Mexico, NM Environment Department, the NM Municipal League, and the US Indian Health Service. Mr. Boivin lives with his wife Linda and their youngest daughter in Albuquerque where he is an avid stargazer and history reader.

John Brooks joined the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) as a Financial Analyst in August 2003 working directly on several state programs administered by NMFA but more specifically with the Drinking Water State

Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF). He has structured in excess of \$65 million for many entities throughout New Mexico, including several tribes and pueblos. John earned a B.S. in Business Management, with a specialty in finance, in 1995 then worked in the finance industry as a stockbroker for 10 years, most of which with Charles Schwab in Denver. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Business Administration with a specialty in finance.

Russell Brown has 30 years of service within the national protective coating and tank lining industry combined with a decade of major water tank renovation done nationally. He has an experienced-based view of many of the more cost effective ways to restore a tank to like-new condition without many of the truly time-consuming and very expensive options that are often entertained within the industry. Mr. Brown is the Project Development Manager for Tank Maintenance & Construction, Inc.

Lonnie Burke has been involved in the field of plumbing and water conservation for more than thirty years. He is currently a water conservation auditor and consultant for Resource Wise. He has worked with a number of water purveyors through out the U.S. and New Mexico writing water conservation programs, auditing water systems and analyzing/testing meters. Lonnie has received a number of awards for his work in water conservation including the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 2007 Regional Director's Water Conservation Award.

Don Castillo performed 15 years of combined surface, ground, and wastewater treatment operations with the United States Army, private water companies, and the Navajo Nation before coming to New Mexico Rural Water Association as a Field Specialist. Don currently runs the Tribal System Circuit Rider Program, where he is responsible for assisting the water and wastewater systems of 19 Pueblos, the two (2) Apache Tribes, and the Navajo Nation. Don is a graduate of San Juan College in Farmington, NM and received an Applied Science Degree in Advanced Water Treatment specializing in reverse osmosis (RO) and ion exchange high purity water treatment. He is a nationally registered Circuit Rider with the National Rural Water Association.

Gene Dahle has been working with PollardWater.com for six years doing tradeshow, training, and customer/distributor relations. Formerly, he was National Sales Manager for Fisher Research Laboratory where he helped plan, design, and promote new line tracers, leak detectors, and metal detectors. He is a graduate of Fresno State University.

Robert J. DeBuck has been a journeyman electrician since 1970 and established Buck Electric Co. in 1976. Previously, he worked at Ore-Ida Foods in Ontario, Oregon as a plant electrician, which provided him experience in industrial controls. He has a total of 36 years in the electrical trade including residential, commercial, industrial, and solar. For the last 15 years, Robert has worked with water and wastewater systems designing and building radio control systems, and deep well power and control systems.

John R. Eckley has been in the water treatment business since 1969. He first worked for the City of Broomfield, CO. He then moved on to Silt, CO, Ute Water Conservation District in Grand Junction Colorado, Rio Grande Water User Association, and finally City of Bloomfield, NM for the last 21 years. John has been active with New Mexico Rural Water Association by serving on the board and teaching. He has also been active with AWWA and NMWWA by serving on the board and acting as president of the Northwest section. Additionally John has served on the NM Certification Advisory Board. He holds certifications for Water III and Wastewater III.

Andy Edmondson is the Technical Section Manager for the NMED Drinking Water Bureau. Prior to this position, he worked for the Construction Programs Bureau for 6 years. Andy has experience in all aspects of water and wastewater system operation, management, engineering and construction. Andy is a registered professional engineer with over fourteen years of experience and has a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico.

Anthony Galvan is the West Region Technical Sales Manager for conventional products at Siemens Water Technologies. Based in Colorado Springs, Anthony joined Siemens Water Technologies in 2006. Anthony has over 29 years of water and wastewater treatment experience and a background in mining engineering. He holds a Masters in Business Administration.

Stephen J. Grollman, P.E. is the Vice President of Larkin Group NM, a consulting Engineering firm headquartered in Albuquerque. Steve has over 35 years' experience in the Civil Engineering field, and is the Division Manager for Larkin's Sandoval County office. Steve is a long-term member of the Professional Technical Advisory Board (PTAB) which assists agencies throughout the State in following the Procurement Code when preparing RFP's for professional services.

Steven M. Harris is an attorney with Doyle Harris Davis & Haughey based in Tulsa, Oklahoma who specializes in representing federally-indebted rural water districts and associations. Mr. Harris has 20 years of experience and has acted as legal counsel for over 50 rural water districts in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, and North Dakota to enforce districts' and associations' rights under Title 7, United States Code - Section 1926(b). Mr. Harris is a frequent lecturer and published author on territorial protection of rural water.

Heather Himmelberger is a registered professional engineer with over 24 years of experience in working with water and wastewater utilities. She has a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from Penn State University and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. She has been the Director of the NM Environmental Finance Center since 1996. As Director, she has assisted state, local, and tribal governments with the broad financial implications of providing environmental services, such as water and wastewater, and complying with state and federal regulations. Heather has served as an expert witness to EPA's Financial Advisory Board for the past 10 years.

Gail Ann Huggins is the Quality Assurance Manager for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Water Quality Laboratory (WQL). As QA Manager, Ms. Huggins plans, directs, and manages quality assurance activities concerned with the development, implementation, and maintenance of quality standards for all WQL processes. During her nineteen years of employment with the City of Albuquerque Huggins supervised the Spectroscopy Group for 12 years and has over 20 years experience working in environmental analytical laboratories. She earned her B.S. in Chemistry from the University of New Mexico.

Andy Hutson has 16 years' experience in industrial process control. He specializes in designing, consultation, training, and programming of SCADA and control systems with Controls West, Inc. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Manufacturing Automation and an Associate's degree in Electronics Engineering.

Alysia Leavitt, the Loan Manager for the New Mexico Environment Department's Construction Programs Bureau, oversees the Clean Water and Rural Infrastructure Loan Programs. Both are revolving loan funds available to communities at low interest rates for water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure projects. Ms. Leavitt's experience includes project analysis with a Santa Fe independent verification & validation IT consulting firm, management analysis with the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and several positions with a Santa Fe environmental and engineering consulting firm, and graduation from Cornell University with a B. S. degree in Business Administration and Marketing.

Jerome K. Lewis graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Geography/Forestry (go UCONN!). He was a First Lieutenant in the US Army (tanks/armor), deployed to South Korea (peacekeeping) for a year. Jerry worked in several different careers until 1992, when he began working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources in Drinking Water. In 1998, after moving to New Mexico, he joined the Drinking Water Bureau as a water system oversight person. Jerry has worked with drinking water security since 2003 helping to improve water system security and emergency response capabilities. He currently serves on the NMWARN Executive Committee.

Roy Littleton is a sampler in District IV working out of New Mexico Environment Department's Ruidoso Field Office. He has a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales through a rodeo scholarship. He has been with the NMED Drinking Water Bureau for 3 years and specializes in MPA sampling for GWUDI determinations.

Susan Maupin was born, raised and educated in Virginia. Susan received her Bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She began her career in water pollution control at a municipal wastewater treatment facility where she served for six years as a certified operator/lab technician and another four years implementing an industrial waste pretreatment program. In 1990 she began a ten-year stint with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality as an NPDES Inspector. Since moving to New Mexico in 2000, she travels the state with her incorrigible dog, Molly, training and assisting wastewater systems as the Wastewater Technician for NMRWA.

Jerry May, P.E. has more than 24 years of experience with water and wastewater systems. Currently a Vice President with Souder, Miller & Associates, he has managed a variety of water, wastewater, environmental development, and construction projects for Tribal, municipal, state, military, and Federal entities. Mr. May is currently working on water, wastewater, site development, and solid waste projects. He has provided design and analysis of large water and wastewater infrastructure systems, as well as small wastewater treatment systems.

Dan McGregor is a Certified Professional Geologist. His work as Bernalillo County's Hydrogeologist includes supervision of county well systems, overseeing investigation and monitoring programs, and providing availability

and conservation plan review for proposed developments. He has over twenty years of geologic and hydrologic consulting experience including: drilling, well construction, and sampling for geotechnical projects; municipal groundwater supply development; mine depressurization; hazardous waste soil and groundwater investigations; and addressing geologic/engineering “what-if” scenarios for nuclear waste repositories. His previous groundwater production projects have included wellfield siting, construction of wells, pumping tests, and regional hydrogeology studies throughout Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

Peter Nathanson, P.E. is a Training Specialist with the New Mexico Rural Water Association. Since January 2008 he has been providing operator training, technical assistance, and outreach to utilities throughout New Mexico. Prior to joining NMRWA, Peter taught water technology courses at the Doña Ana Community College and provided technical and regulatory outreach training to arsenic-affected communities in New Mexico through WERC at New Mexico State University. He relocated to New Mexico in 2005 after spending 4 years working with small, rural and Native communities in Alaska for the University of Alaska and the Alaska Training Technical Assistance Center. Mr. Nathanson has been practicing environmental science and engineering since 1981 and became a registered professional engineer in 1991. He earned a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida and an M.S. degree in Environmental Systems Engineering from Clemson University.

Vic Newton is currently the Office Manager for New Mexico One Call, Inc. As a PRC certified instructor for the last 4 years, he has taught classes throughout New Mexico. He has a technical background with 30 years of experience as an electronic engineer doing design and project management. Mr. Newton has an Electronic Arts degree from Chabot College in California. He also is a member of the board of directors for New Mexico Regional Common Ground Alliance as their treasurer.

Evert Oldham grew up on a little cattle ranch north of Clayton, New Mexico. Shortly after graduating from high school in Clayton, Evert was hired by August Carlson from eastern Kansas to help develop the old Sam Whiteside ranch at Rosebud, New Mexico into a 3,200 acre irrigated farm. It turned out the ranch wasn't situated over the Ogallala Aquifer as thought, but sat on top of a closed basin that had taken centuries to fill and three years to empty. Evert left the plains and headed to Albuquerque fully intending to pursue the education required to become an attorney. Arriving out of sync with the class schedule he began looking for work and landed a job that launched a twenty year banking career and included a move to San Juan County, New Mexico. After the savings and loan crisis Evert changed career from banking to Title Examiner and mineral abstractor with a sideline of inventing and manufacturing. Today he is General Manager of Animas Valley Land & Water Company. Throughout his thirty plus years in San Juan County, Evert has been an active participant in water resource matters.

Dr. James H. Olsen, Jr., P.E. , is currently the Field Division Manager for the Albuquerque- Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. Past assignments have included: Transmission & Distribution Manager at PNM-Water Services in Santa Fe; Chief Utility Engineer for ECO Resources; Project Manager for the Pueblo of Laguna Jackpile Mine Reclamation Project; and management and engineering/technical assignments for ARCO Anaconda, Standard Oil Company (Ohio). Jim holds a Mining Engineering degree from New Mexico Tech, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of New Mexico, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of New Mexico.

Michael Overbay began his EPA career in 1987 after 18 months in the oil business and a short stint with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After 3 years in the Water Division, he spent the next 18 years investigating and remediating hazardous waste sites and formerly used defense sites in the RCRA, Superfund, and Base Closure programs. He returned to the Water Quality Division last spring to become the Regional Ground Water Center Coordinator and is a registered professional geologist in Texas.

Rob Pine is the Capacity Development Coordinator for the NMED Drinking Water Bureau. He has worked for the Bureau for over 4½ years and previously worked for the Environment Department and the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department for almost 16 years. He has a M.S. in Hydrology from New Mexico Tech and a M.A. in Mathematics from the University of Utah.

Joseph Quintana is the Regional Planning Manager of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He works directly with local governments and has written numerous master plans and regulatory ordinances for municipalities and counties. He has worked on plans and programs for land use management, transportation systems, water resource management, and economic development. He was involved in developing the Regional Water Plans for the Middle Rio Grande and the Estancia Basin.

Ege Richardson, PhD, PE is currently the chairman of her own company, Aegean Consulting. She primarily works on planning and design of water and wastewater systems. She also teaches basic water and wastewater treatment technology at New Mexico State University in the Civil Engineering Technology Department. Her previous teaching experience includes teaching junior and senior level water and wastewater courses at the University of Toledo as Assistant Professor, and at New Mexico State University as a graduate assistant.

Ray Richardson has been in the water business since 1976. He has managed both private and public water systems. He has served as Chairman of the New Mexico Utility Operators Certification Advisory Board, and is a Past President of New Mexico Rural Water Association. Ray also holds operator certification in both water and wastewater. Ray has been the Meter Systems Specialist with HD Supply Waterworks for the past seven years. His job is to assist water systems in choosing the proper meter and AMI system for their particular needs, and then help with the implementation of the AMI System along with training. He has been trained by both Neptune Technologies Group and AWWA on meter application and sizing.

Joel Rife has 30 years of environmental engineering experience, including 10 years working for the State of Kansas assisting and providing technical guidance for operators of water and wastewater systems, and 20 years as a consulting engineer. Among his specialties are activated sludge treatment technologies and membrane bioreactors. He works in CDM's Albuquerque office and supports CDM projects nationally and internationally. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Kansas University where his mentor was Dr. Ross McKinney, noted pioneer in the understanding of the activated sludge treatment process.

John T. Romero has been with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) for fifteen years. He started with the Water Rights Division in 1994 in Santa Fe, NM. From there he went on to work with the Technical

Division, Subdivision Review Bureau (later called the Water Use and Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau) for five years, and while there was named Acting Bureau Chief for one year. John has served the last six years as Director of the WRAP program, which is the largest program within the OSE, and is made up of the Water Rights Division, the WATERS Abstract Program, the Hydrology Bureau, the Water Use & Conservation/Subdivision Review Bureau, and the Dam Safety Bureau. John is a registered Professional Engineer (PE) and he has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State University.

Nora Romero oversees compliance of community and non-community water systems for the NMED Drinking Water Bureau in District I. She has also worked as an environmental compliance officer for OMI, Inc., a private utility operator who is contracted with the City of Rio Rancho to operate and manage their public water and wastewater systems. She has worked for NMED for over 17 years.

Ron Romero works in the capacity development program of the NMED Drinking Water Bureau. He has worked for the New Mexico Environment Department Drinking Water Bureau for more than 11 years. Ron has also worked with the Enforcement program, systems Oversight program, Water Conservation Fee program and the Consumer Confidence Report program.

Richard Rose is the chief of the NMED Construction Programs Bureau. The Bureau is responsible for administration of Federal and State loans and grants for the construction of water, wastewater, and solid waste projects. The Bureau provides assistance with financial application packages, engineering review of reports and designs, and assistance with the procurement process.

Joe Savage is the District IV Manager for the NMED Drinking Water Bureau, covering the southeast part of New Mexico. He has a M.S. in Organic Chemistry from Indiana University and additional studies in Ethnobotany and Pathology from Colorado State University. He has been with the Bureau for 4 years and he brings with him years of water research and laboratory experience.

Chi Ho Sham has two decades of consulting experience in the areas of drinking water and ground water protection, underground injection control, and water quality analysis. He received his Doctoral degree from the University at Buffalo in 1984. Before joining the consulting field, Dr. Sham was a faculty member at Boston University from 1982 to 1992. Dr. Sham works at The Cadmus Group, Inc. and manages the drinking water and water quality protection practice. He is currently the chair of the Source Water Protection Commission and a Trustee of the Water Resources Division of the American Water Works Association.

Danielle Shuryn is the Program Manager for the sampling and data management sections of the NMED Drinking Water Bureau. This program entails all of the data generation and management for the DWB as well as lab certification for the state of NM. She has a Master of Water Resources degree from UNM and a B.S. in Environmental Science from Allegheny College. Prior to her experience as a manager and oversight with the DWB, she spent 3 ½ years with the monitoring and assessment section of the Surface Water Quality Bureau specializing in surveying the physical and biological components of riparian areas and streams in New Mexico.

Ron Schwarzwald serves as a Training Specialist for the New Mexico Rural Water Association. He has been in the potable water field for over 40 years. He retired from the Cleveland, Ohio water division following a 33-year career that culminated with him serving as Assistant Commissioner of Plant Operations with overall responsibilities for pumping, treatment, and storage for the ninth largest water system in the United States. After his Cleveland career, Ron worked for an international environmental engineering consulting firm, served as a Vice president of an European firm bringing technologies to the US, and has had his own training firm helping Ohio utilities meet water and safety regulations. He has presented technical and operational papers at a multitude of local, state, national, and international meetings.

Mary H. Smith has worked with the New Mexico Attorney General's Office Civil Division as an Assistant Attorney General since July 1999. Prior to that, she worked a year with the Attorney General's Antitrust Unit, six years with the New Mexico State Agency on Aging, and six years in private practice with a focus on civil appeals and environmental law. Mary represents and provides legal advice to state agencies, boards and commissions, and enforces laws relating to open government and ethics in government, including the Inspection of Public Records Act, the Open Meetings Act, and the Governmental Conduct Act.

Sonya Snyder has over 17 years' experience with State Government. She has been with New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration in the Capital Outlay Bureau for just over a year. Sonya was a statistical analyst with New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for over 10 years. She has experience with managing fixed assets, budgets, and capital outlay.

Bob Stuart is an instructor and manager of the Hach Company's Regional Training Program. He produces local, hands-on training for operators all over the United States. Bob has been with the company for 10 years. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1996 and the University of Denver in 1998. He holds a Masters degree in Applied Science.

Andrew Sweetman is the Tribal Source Water Protection Program (TSWPP) Manager for the New Mexico Rural Water Association. Mr. Sweetman manages all aspects of the TSWPP to provide on-site water and wastewater system technical assistance to Tribes and Pueblos within New Mexico as well as Oklahoma Tribal Jurisdictions. Mr. Sweetman has been actively involved in environmental systems and natural resource management and protection for 14 years.

Martha Torrez is Director of Community Programs for USDA Rural Development and has been in federal government for 30 years, the past 26 of these with USDA. Martha has received extensive specialized training and gained vast financial and technical experience which enables her to oversee program administration, loan making, project development, the environmental review process, and loan supervision and servicing for water and wastewater infrastructure plus essential community facilities for small communities in rural areas. Martha is an active committee member of the New Mexico Infrastructure Conference.

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Danny Valenzuela is the Enforcement Coordinator for the NMED Drinking Water Bureau. He has worked for the New Mexico Environment Department for over 16 years and has been with the Surface Water Bureau, Groundwater Discharge Permitting Program, and the Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau. Mr. Valenzuela has a B.S. in Geology from New Mexico Highlands University.

Don Van Veldhuizen is the Technical Training Manager for USA BlueBook, the water and wastewater products division of The HD Supply. Don has 20+ years in the water/wastewater field in operations, management, and consulting and has spent time in Antarctica, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea. As a certified operator, Don attempts to bring practical knowledge of operations to the classroom.

Cheri Vogel has been with the NM Office of the State Engineer since 2000. She provides water-use calculations, water conservation plans, and 40-year plan reviews for the Water Use and Conservation Bureau. In addition, she provides water conservation technical and planning assistance to drinking water suppliers, and develops and implements water conservation education and outreach efforts. Her previous work includes water conservation efforts for both a river authority and an aquifer district in Texas. She has a B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resources Management and a M.A. in Recreation/Environmental Education.