



Speaker Bios

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Mr. Bolton has over ten years of experience within Technical Permitting. Currently, his area of expertise is the permitting of Minor Permits to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water and Minor Permits to Treat Domestic Wastewater. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Texas State University.

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Evon Boothe is a Field Inspector in the Oversight and Safety Department of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC). Evon is the lead gas integrity inspector and has been employed by the RRC for seven years. He is based out of the Houston office of the RRC. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Prairie View A&M University and Bachelor of Science degree in Safety and Fire Protection Engineering Technology from the University of Houston-Downtown. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Occupational Safety Management from the University of Central Missouri. Evon enjoys spending time with his family and believes the RRC is a great place to work.

Matthew Brown

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Mr. Brown began working in the Oil and Gas Division's Administrative Compliance section in 2020. He works with the Well Mapping Team that reviews and edits map data and locates/relocates oil and gas wells on the Public GIS viewer. The department adds new well symbols and updates well symbols per Forms W-2, G-1, W-3, and P-4. In addition, they research and correct well locations, review API number discrepancies, remove erroneous well spots and update API information for uncatalogued and/or historic wells. Mr. Brown formerly worked in the oil and gas petrochemical rotating heavy equipment industry, Federal Japanese government as a Russian oil and gas market researcher, and finally out in the field here in Texas' domestic oilfield services industry. Mr. Brown holds both a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in management.

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Mr. Burdeaux has over 40 years of experience and progressive responsibility in pipeline safety compliance, training, and consulting. His qualifications include direct involvement or oversight of the development of required regulatory compliance programs meeting or exceeding OSHA, FMCSA, PHMSA/HazMat, PHMSA/Pipeline Safety while working in the private-sector Mr. Burdeaux's background includes extensive public service of 20 plus years. He has evaluated pipeline operator written plans, procedures, and implementation of such plans to determine compliance with state and federal regulations, reviewed engineering drawings and construction specifications to determine adequacy and regulatory compliance, performed on-site inspections of construction and maintenance activities. Where necessary, he initiated and composed enforcement actions where regulatory deficiencies were noted. He has investigated incidents involving death, hospitalization, and/or property damage. He joined RCP in December 2021 after five years with another firm providing regulatory compliance consulting.

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Ms. Buyens began her career at the RRC in December 2013 at the Injection-Storage Permits Unit. She monitors the Injection/Disposal filing system (Form H-10) and Brine Mining/Storage Cavern (Form H-10H) and handles related issues, violations, compliance and inactive UIC well problems.

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Mr. Cassady has been with the RRC for over three years where he works as an Engineering Specialist in the Engineering Unit as part of the Technical Permitting team of the Oil and Gas Division. His duties include review and approval of well completions, well classification, down-hole commingling, and field transfers. Before his employment with the RRC, he spent two years in the mining industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science in geology from Baylor University.

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Mr. Castillo has been with RRC for over three years working in the Injection-Storage Permits Unit. His main responsibilities include performing technical and seismic reviews while leading the East Texas Over-Pressurization program. He graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in geoscience. Mr. Castillo has over eight years of oil and gas experience. He previously worked at Austin Water Utility in the Water Conservation Unit where he specialized in Water Waste Enforcement.

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Ms. Cochran is an attorney in the RRC's General Law Section, Office of General Counsel. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech University and a Juris

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Jim Collins is the Director of Critical Infrastructure Division in the North Region for the RRC, located in Fort Worth. He is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering. He previously served the RRC for six years as the Region 6 Manager for the Pipeline Safety department.

Jeff Cooley

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Mr. Jeff Cooley, AARC's Technical Lead for the Emergency Operations Plan Review contract with the RRC, has more than 30 years of experience in strategic planning, disaster response and training and emergency operations plan development in various industries. Jeff was assigned as a strike team member with CalFire for a number of major wildfires in California, serving on Operations, Logistics and Planning teams. He has additional emergency and disaster response experience serving as a Lead Disaster Responder and FEMA Recovery Coordinator post-Hurricane Katrina on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He was also a member of project team that constructed a number of natural gas pumping stations.

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As a Licensing and Permitting Specialist of the P-5 Financial Assurance Section, Ms. Cunningham is responsible for user acceptance testing within the new LoneSTAR system and processing new *Organization Report* (Form P-5) filings. She has worked at the RRC for 11 months.

Deborah Davis

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Ms. Davis has worked at the RRC for 30 years. She currently manages the Production Audit section, within the Oil and Gas Division. Ms. Davis is responsible for oversight of the *Monthly Production Report* (Form PR), *Surface Commingling Report (Form P-17 and Form P-17A)*, *Monthly Transportation and Storage Report* (Form T-1) and *Skim Oil/Condensate Report* (Form P-18). Ms. Davis assists with additional projects within the Production Audit section.

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Ms. Delacruz is a Pipeline Safety Inspector with the RRC and works out of the Houston region. She started with the RRC in October 2016 and transitioned into the Integrity Management Lead

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Pacia Diaz, PhD

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Dr. Pacia Diaz, AARC's Project Manager for the Professional Engineering Services contract with the RRC, is a Civil and Environmental Engineer with over 10 years of experience and specialized training in water utility resilience and more than 15 years in civil design of capital improvement projects for public agencies. Her dissertation focused on the impacts of climate change on the urban water cycle and the importance of adaptability in achieving resilience in water systems. She also worked closely with IPCC scientists as a researcher for several European Union resilience projects in Spain, Portugal, and India. She is currently part of AARC's Resilience Engineering and Science Division which has prepared all-hazards risk and resilience assessments and emergency response plans for over 30 utilities nationwide.

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Mr. Dongo works in Technical Permitting Engineering Unit of the RRC. His responsibilities include review and approval of well completion and classification applications. Before joining RRC this year, he worked for an oil and gas exploration service company. He holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering management from the University of Benin, a master's degree in petroleum engineering and a certificate in engineering management from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

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Mysti Doshier is the Assistant Division Director for the RRC's Critical Infrastructure Division. She leads the team that coordinates administrative reviews and compliance for the division. Mysti has over 25 years of experience at the RRC. Prior to joining the Critical Infrastructure Division, she was an investigator for the Office of General Counsel. In that role, she assisted agency's legal enforcement, hydrocarbon industry and law enforcement in criminal cases, including oil field theft. Other agency experience includes manager for the Oil and Gas Division's P-5 Financial Assurance Unit and working in Well Mapping and Central Records. Mysti holds a Management Development Certificate from the University of the Texas at Austin.

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Ms. Dubiel is an attorney in the RRC's General Law Section, Office of General Counsel. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University and a Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law. Ms. Dubiel worked as an associate attorney for a general litigation firm in Houston before moving to Austin. She joined the RRC's Office of General Counsel in 2015, and primarily works on matters related to gas utilities and pipeline safety, amongst other administrative law issues.

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Jarrold Eberly is the Director of Critical Infrastructure Division in the West Region for the Railroad Commission of Texas, located in Lubbock. He is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services & Development. He previously served the Railroad Commission of Texas for 8 years as an inspector for Oil and Gas Division out of the Wichita Falls district and the past 2 years as Lead Inspector for Oil and Gas, Lubbock district office.

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Ms. Edson has been with the RRC for three years where she works as an Engineering Specialist within the Engineering Unit of the Technical Permitting Team of the Oil and Gas Division. Her duties include the review and approval of well completions and various rule exceptions. Before her employment with RRC, she spent five years with oil and gas service companies. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Trisha Fleming

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Ms. Fleming has been with the RRC for 13 years. She performs highly technical, specialized statistical work in assigning and maintaining gas allowables and production records. She performs filing, sorting, organizing and document distribution duties, as well as complex research into hard files, microfilm, and computer databases. Prior to joining the RRC, Ms. Fleming worked for Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc., and Weyerhaeuser.

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Mr. Ricardo Gamez has been serving the State through his work with the RRC since 2017. With a background in customer service, office administration, claims administration, and risk management, he has worked in the Pipeline Damage Prevention Program to reduce the number of dangerous pipeline damages that impact Texans lives every day in our vast state. Mr. Gamez regularly serves as a regulatory authority at mock line strikes, Damage Prevention councils, and other Damage Prevention events, and actively works with the Damage Prevention Management Team at Texas 811 on their outreach efforts to help Texas continue its downward trend in pipeline damages. One of his personal work goals is to educate as many excavators as possible on Damage Prevention rules, laws, and best practices.

Derek Garcia

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Derek Garcia is an inspector for the Austin Region of the Pipeline Safety group within the Oversight and Safety Division of the RRC. Mr. Garcia has been with the RRC for two and a half years and has been the Damage Prevention and Public Awareness Program Lead since May 2022. Prior to working with the RRC, Mr. Garcia completed his academic studies at Brown University.

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Mr. Garza has 18 years of experience at the RRC. He began his career with the RRC in the Well Mapping department and was part of the group that formed the new Drilling Permit department in 2006. In August of 2008, he became the manager of the department. He has overseen the enhanced development of the drilling permit elements of the RRC Online System to meet ongoing industry needs. Mr. Garza has a Bachelor of Arts in environmental resource management from Texas State University.

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As Manager of the P-5 Financial Assurance Section, Ms. Gilmore is responsible for the implementation of the new Lonestar system, oversight of the *Organization Report* (Form P-5), Rule 15 (inactive well) filings, as well as the review, processing and collection of P-5 and Commercial Facility financial assurance. She has worked at the RRC for 14 years in various capacities.

Al Giordano

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Mr. Giordano is a licensed professional engineer with several years of experience in the energy industry and a focus on DOT regulatory compliance, regulatory audits, project management, and integrity management. Al serves as the Manager of Regulatory Compliance for G2 Integrated Solutions (G2-IS). Additionally, he has served as an inspector with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Southwest Region office. As a PHMSA inspector, he led federal inspections of new construction pipeline projects, integrated inspections, operator qualification inspections, and control room inspections of both gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. Mr. Giordano graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Systems Engineering. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University. He is licensed as a professional engineer in Texas and Delaware.

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Mr. Grimes serves as a Regional Team Lead in the Region 5 – Houston office. He joined the RRC in 2015. Prior to serving in this position, he was a Field Engineer with Baker Hughes, Inc., conducting oilfield services. A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Southern University A&M College.

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Mr. Harcourt is the Manager of the Groundwater Advisory Unit (GAU) in the Technical Permitting Department of the Oil and Gas Division. The GAU is responsible for the protection of

freshwater resources (GW-2's or Water Board Letters), geologic investigations and the prevention of waste of natural resources and Rule 101 Tight Gas tax reduction evaluations. Formerly, Mr. Harcourt worked in the State Funded Plugging Program. He is a licensed Professional Geologist in Texas, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Prior to joining the RRC, he worked as a professional geologist for more than 25 years across five states, focusing on exploration and production, groundwater protection, underground injection control, solid and hazardous waste disposal, and environmental protection.

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Erin began her career at the RRC in December 2019 as a member of the Production Audit Department. Her responsibilities include the review and approval of the Form T-1, Monthly Transportation and Storage Report.

Gilbert Herrera

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Gilbert possesses a strong background in the oil and gas industry as a successful field engineer, project manager and compliance lead. Prior to joining the Critical Infrastructure Division, he was in the RRC's Oil and Gas Division as technical staff and was the team lead for the Well Plugging program in Houston. He also worked with RRC's drone program. Prior to joining the RRC, Gilbert worked in the private sector in Schlumberger's Well Integrity Technology Division. There he supervised projects in the Permian Basin and implemented cutting-edge research initiatives. His travels during his time with Schlumberger took him from West Texas to Siberia, Russia. Gilbert is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and earned a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering with a focus on nanotechnology related to heat transfer and thermodynamics.

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Mr. Herrin is the Control Room Management Lead for the RRC's Pipeline Safety department in the Region 5, Houston regional office. He has been with RRC since 2016. Prior to coming to the RRC, Mr. Herrin worked as a Drilling Fluids Engineer with MI-SWACO – Schlumberger. He attended McNeese State University where he attained a Bachelor of Science degree in process engineering.

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As Administrative Team Lead of the Groundwater Advisory Unit, Heather is responsible for Customer Service, overseeing the administrative staff, processing of Groundwater Determination Applications (Water Board Letters), ST-1 Severance Tax Incentive Applications, and related records management and research. Heather also tracks and enters SWR-101 Tight Gas Area Designation applications and schedules them for final approval at the bi-monthly Texas RRC Commissioner's Conferences. She has worked at the RRC for five years in Groundwater Advisory Unit.

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Mr. Jacobi is licensed Professional Engineer and a licensed attorney with over 45 years of energy industry experience. Mr. Jacobi has been involved with the development of pipeline safety regulations and in the communication of those regulations to all stakeholders, including the public, the operators, and government officials. He has been a frequent lecturer at state pipeline safety seminars, as well as at industry organization functions (SGA, TGA, LGA, NMGA, INGAA, API, AGA, the Common Ground Alliance and the Pipeline Safety Trust). Since January, 2018, Mr. Jacobi has been Of Counsel to RegSafe, LLC and specializes in providing advice and counsel to companies and individuals regarding the design, construction, maintenance, operation, and regulatory compliance of interstate and intrastate natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. Mr. Jacobi received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (with Honors) from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, his Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from Texas A & M University, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Mr. Jacobi maintains his status as licensed Professional Engineer and a licensed attorney and counselor at law in the State of Texas.

Carlos Jaime

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Mr. Jaime has been with the RRC's Pipeline Safety department since November of 2017. He began his role as the Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Specialized Lead in December of 2021. Mr. Jaime has gathered knowledge and experience from conducting various inspections for Public Awareness and Damage Prevention. Mr. Jaime understands the importance raising awareness of the presence of pipelines and public safety.

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Mr. King has over eight years of experience with the RRC and has extensive knowledge of the Form W-1 (Application for Permit to Drill, Recomplete, or Re-Enter) permitting process and all related forms, data research using resources on the RRC website, interpreting and using the Public GIS Viewer, Statewide Rules, and the process of drilling a well from permitting to completion. David attended The University of Texas at Austin and received a Bachelor of Arts in geography with emphases on geology, urban studies, and the natural environment, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in history with an emphasis on classics. He has over 15 years of experience in GIS software applications and data analysis. As a thirteenth descendent of Moses Austin, and a native Austinite, David is very proud to serve the great State of Texas.

Mike LaMont

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Mr. LaMont specializes in pipeline integrity management and regulatory compliance strategies and brings over 20 years of associated experience. Through the application of process-driven, holistic strategies, he successfully supported numerous large and small pipeline operators in achieving their program goals and objectives. A passionate advocate for the pipeline industry and speaker, Mr. LaMont served on the Department of Transportation Voluntary Information Sharing (VIS) Working Group, he was keynote speaker for World Pipelines in 2021, and most recently presented to the Transportation Research Board on pipeline integrity management and rupture mitigation valves. As the Senior Director of Compliance Programs and Audits at RCP, Mr. LaMont currently leads a comprehensive pipeline regulatory team. Capabilities include Department of Transportation (DOT) pipeline safety regulatory consulting, program development, third-party program audits and expert witness services.

Ed Landgraf

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Mr. Landgraf is the Director of Machine Operations and Damage Prevention for Texas811. He is also the founder of Coastal and Marine Operators Pipeline Industry Initiative (CAMO) "Coastal and Marine Operators" pipeline industry group and serves as Chairman of the Board. Founded in 2009, CAMO now has over 30 participating companies, NGOs, and agencies, all working to enhance pipeline infrastructure integrity, environmental protection, public safety, coastal and marine damage prevention by designing and implementing new innovative solutions. Mr. Landgraf has worked in the oil and gas industry for 32 years. He has 17 years of volunteer service to the community as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Coastal Zone Management, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, member of the National Estuary Program's Management Conference, and Coastal Conservation Association Board of Directors. He is a native of Oklahoma and graduate of Oklahoma State University.

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Derek Lawrence has worked for the RRC since August of 2015. Before joining the RRC, he received a Bachelor of Science in geosciences with a concentration in geophysics from Texas Tech University. In his time at RRC he worked in the Oil and Gas Division for two years before transferring to the Pipeline Safety department in 2017. Since joining Pipeline Safety he has also worked as the Operator Qualification Lead from September 2019 to August 2021 before becoming the Operation, Maintenance and Emergency Lead.

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Mark graduated from East Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering and works as an Inspector and Statewide Lead for the RRC's newly certified Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Evaluation Program. He joined the RRC in 2004 and has worked as a Field Inspector, Engineering Technician, and District Office Cleanup

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Karl Leger is president of RegSafe and has 44 years in the energy industry including production, drilling and pipeline commissioning, operations, and management. Of those 44 years he has been active in underground natural gas storage for 33 years. During his career Mr. Leger has been involved in developing and implementing natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline facilities for production, midstream, refining, chemical, LNG, and underground natural gas storage assets. Mr. Leger has consulted and assisted some 19 underground natural gas storage facilities across eight states in staffing, training, construction, commissioning, operations, maintenance, risk management and safety management systems. Since 1991 Mr. Leger has been assisting clients in the interpretation and application of the natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline safety regulations, 49 CFR Parts 190 – 199 for both interstate and intrastate pipeline operators. Mr. Leger has developed and implemented pipeline safety manuals, procedures, safety management systems and risk management programs and has conducted numerous mock inspections as well as representing clients in approximately 100 regulatory inspections and numerous insurance risk reviews. Mr. Leger has also been responsible for numerous insurance accident investigations and emergency response operations for both pipeline systems and underground gas storage facilities.

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Mr. LeJeune is an Engineering Specialist II that handles the review process for mechanical integrity tests (MIT) filed on the Form H-5. He also reviews the completions submitted for injection wells. Aaron has been with the RRC since 2018. Mr. LeJeune holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

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Pete Longoria is a Project Analytics Specialist for the new Region-00 of the Pipeline Safety Group within the Oversight and Safety Division of the RRC. Mr. Longoria has been with RRC for four years which include the roles of Inspector and Public Awareness/Damage Prevention Lead, May 2020 to November 2021. Prior to working with the RRC, Mr. Longoria completed his collegiate studies at the University of Texas Pan American and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

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Bill is a community liaison for PHMSA in Houston and has worked for PHMSA as an inspector, project manager and community liaison for 21 years. Bill has experience working for state regulatory agencies and in the pipeline and oil industry. Responsibilities have included engineering, construction, and inspection of pipelines both onshore and offshore. Bill has a

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Mark began his career at the RRC in 2009 as a member of the Drilling Permits department. In that capacity he worked all aspects of the drilling permit process. In 2014 he moved to the Well Mapping as a member of the basemap maintenance (RBA) team. As a member of the RBA team, he researches and resolves discrepancies related to the placement of features and attributes in the RRC's GIS database. In 2022 he transitioned to the new GIS team in the Information Technology Services division which is tasked with streamlining the application of GIS technology in the RRC.

Alan Mayberry

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Mr. Mayberry is the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in Washington, D.C. and serves as the senior federal career official for pipeline safety in the United States. Mr. Mayberry joined PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) in 2006, in a senior engineering role within the Engineering and Emergency Support Division. He was appointed Director of the division in 2008 and was responsible for supporting OPS programs and the regional offices on nationwide pipeline issues to ensure uniform policies. Additionally, Mr. Mayberry led PHMSA's response to major pipeline incidents. In 2010, he was appointed as the Deputy Associate Administrator (DAA) for Field Operations, overseeing OPS' pipeline safety and enforcement oversight efforts throughout PHMSA's five regional offices. Mr. Mayberry later assumed the role of Deputy Associate Administrator (DAA) for Policy and Programs. As the DAA for Policy and Programs, Mr. Mayberry lead OPS' development of comprehensive oversight programs including regulatory development, engineering and research, state grants, federal enforcement, and training and qualifications programs. Having led all parts of OPS, Mr. Mayberry was appointed to his current position of Associate Administrator in 2016. Mr. Mayberry has over 35 years of experience in the energy industry, both in the private sector and as federal regulator, and his expertise is equally divided between pipeline operations and design engineering. Mr. Mayberry is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and is a registered Professional Engineer.

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Wallace "Wally" McGaughey is a native of Pennsylvania but has lived most of his life in Louisiana where he gained experience in the petro-chemical, petroleum, and pipeline industries.

He has over 45 years of energy industry experience and serves as Principle Regulatory Consultant for G2 Integrated Solutions, specializing in regulatory compliance consulting, inspections, audit support, and training based on Code of Federal Regulations requirements related to liquid and natural gas pipeline systems, chemical plants, and refineries. Prior to joining G2-IS, Wally served as a Senior Pipeline Safety Specialist, Instructor with PHMSA Training and Qualifications (TQ) in Oklahoma City, OK. Wally graduated from ITI Technical College in 1989 with a Certificate in Industrial Instrumentation and Process Control and began teaching there in 1990. He also serves as a voting member of the ASME B31Q Qualification of Pipeline Personnel, Technical Standards Committee, working to maintain the ASME Standard.

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Mr. Nuernberg works as a pipeline safety inspector with the Oversight and Safety Division. He began his career at the RRC in June 2016 in the Corpus Christi region. He currently leads the Operator Qualification Team. His job responsibilities included leading pipeline inspections, reviewing plans of corrections, and reviewing OQ plans submitted to the RRC. Mr. Nuernberg also assists in training of new RRC pipeline safety inspectors. Mr. Nuernberg holds a bachelor's degree in industrial management and technology.

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Godspower Oniovosa joined the Pipeline Safety group within the Oversight and Safety Division of the RRC in August 2017. Mr. Oniovosa worked as Pipeline Inspector out of Houston's Region 5 office before advancing to his current position as Accident Investigation Lead in Operations and Analytics group. He joined the RRC after 15 years in the oil and gas industry as a Production Geologist and Field Technician. Mr. Oniovosa holds a bachelor's degree in geology, an applied technology degree in petroleum engineering and a Master of Business Administration (operations management).

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Mr. Owojori works as a project manager within the Pipeline Safety department of the Oversight and Safety Division. He joined the RRC in January 2017 as a pipeline safety inspector and worked in the Houston and Kilgore regions. He currently works on special projects in the Operations and Analytics group. Prior to joining RRC, Mr. Owojori worked as a Field Engineer in offshore drilling and petrochemical plants. He holds a bachelor's degree in mining engineering and a master's degree in geology.

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Michael Parker is a Project Manager for RRC's newest Pipeline Safety region. Mr. Parker has been with the RRC for nine years which include the roles of Inspector, Accident/Incident Lead from January 2018 to May 2021 and trainer since August 2019. Prior to working with the RRC, Mr. Parker completed his collegiate studies at Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

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Ms. Pelkey began working in the Environmental Permits and Support (EPS) group, part of the Technical Permitting section, in September 2021 after retiring from a 20-year career with ExxonMobil and preceded by 5 years with Schlumberger. Over the course of her career, she has worked in upstream production, development, exploration, complex oilfield support, geophysical processing, and data engineering. At the RRC, she reviews applications for surface waste disposal facilities, works with operators on facility compliance, and is a member of the data analytics group responsible for improving and maintaining the quality of the EPS databases.

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