

# Southern Regional NEPA Roundtable

## Hosts and Facilitators

**Ray Clark** of **The Clark Group** has over 25 years of leadership experience in environmental and regulatory affairs, military installation management and public-private partnerships. He currently heads The Clark Group, a Washington, D.C. and Sheridan, Wyoming consulting firm helping governments, companies, tribes, associations and individuals resolve their environmental and energy challenges to economic advantage. During the Clinton Administration Ray served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army and as acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) during the Clinton to Bush (George W.) transition. Earlier, he served as Associate Director at the Council on Environmental Quality during the Bush (George H.W.) and Clinton Administrations. He holds a master's from Duke University, where he is adjunct faculty. He was an author and co-editor of *Environmental Policy: Past, Present, Future*.

**Pete Conroy** has served as the Director of **Jacksonville State University's Environmental Policy and Information Center (EPIC)** since 1995. EPIC works closely with organizations, government, business and the public to guide and provide sound programs, policies and practices that encourage the protection of natural resources. Before joining EPIC, Pete was the Governor's Liaison for Environmental Affairs and Chair of the Alabama Commission on Environmental Initiatives. He was appointed by President Clinton in 1999 to serve as Alternate U.S. Federal Commissioner of the Tri-State Water Compacts. He holds a master's in zoology from the University of Georgia and a bachelor's in biology from Furman University.

**Horst G. Greczmiel** joined the **Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)** in December 1999 as the Associate Director for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Oversight, where his duties include assisting agencies with NEPA implementation and acting as NEPA Task Force director. Prior to joining CEQ, he worked in the Office of Environmental Law at Coast Guard Headquarters, focusing on environmental planning issues and NEPA. He was a JAG officer in the U.S. Army for fifteen years, concluding his service with the Environmental Law Division in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. He holds degrees from George Washington University, Rutgers - Camden School of Law and Lafayette College.

**Deb Hall** is Program Coordinator for the **Duke Environmental Leadership (DEL) Program in the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University**. DEL is an interdisciplinary graduate curriculum dedicated to the diverse needs of mid-career environmental professionals, which includes a portfolio of course options that emphasize interdisciplinary themes, strategic approaches to environmental management, communication and effective leadership. Programs include individual short courses, certificate programs and an innovative Master of Environmental Management degree for working professionals. Deborah has environmental education and training

experience in a variety of corporate, government and not-for-profit settings and holds joint master's degrees in environmental management and teaching from Duke University.

**Trip Pollard** is a senior attorney with the **Southern Environmental Law Center**, a non-profit environmental organization working in six southern states, and director of SELC's Land and Community Project. He has written or co-authored numerous environmental and historic preservation articles and reports, including most recently: *Policy Prescriptions for Healthier Communities*, and *Smart Growth and Sustainable Transportation*. Trip has lectured widely, taught courses on transportation and historic preservation issues, and served on the board of numerous organizations. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia.

## Roundtable Members

**James H. Baker** is the Vice-Chair of the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club as well as the Project Leader of Tennessee Water Sentinels, a national Sierra Club program. James is the Chickasaw Group's water and water pollution issue leader. He is a retired environmental regulator and has considerable knowledge of environmental lab work and regulation of storm water pollution.

**Eugene Cleckley** recently retired as Director of Field Services South for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), where he provided strategic direction for FHWA offices in 18 states. Prior to that position, he was Chief of Environmental Operations for the FHWA for 15 years.

**Glen Gaines** has worked for the USDA Forest Service for over 24 years. He is currently District Ranger of the Bankhead National Forest Ranger District in Alabama. Prior to becoming District Ranger, he was a Forest Service wildlife biologist.

**Carmen Horne-McIntyre** has worked for the Eastern Band of Cherokee since 1998 in the natural resources and planning fields. She currently manages the Tribe's Environmental Office which is responsible for multimedia environmental monitoring, education and outreach, and enforcement and compliance with Tribal, state and federal codes. Carmen holds a degree in natural resource management from the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

**Oliver Houck** is a Professor of Law at Tulane University where he directs the environmental law program. A graduate of Harvard (1960) and Georgetown (1967), he served three years in the US military (Korea), three with the Defense Intelligence Agency, three more as an Assistant US Attorney, and ten as General Counsel to the National Wildlife Federation, all in Washington, D.C., before joining the Tulane faculty in 1981. He has taught and written widely on NEPA and other environmental and natural resources issues.

**Judith Lee** is President of Environmental Planning Strategies, Inc., with over 25 years of experience in practical and effective application of NEPA, interdisciplinary

environmental impact analyses, and collaborative environmental planning. Her focus is on highly controversial projects, programmatic planning and documentation, focused cumulative impact analyses, and initiating planning and NEPA documents effectively. Judith has successfully partnered with most Federal and associated state agencies to provide tailored consulting, partnering, and training services.

**Jon Loney** is the senior manager for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) corporate NEPA Administration. His responsibilities include developing policies, procedures and standards to meet NEPA requirements; providing implementation guidance and oversight to TVA business units; and directing preparation of the agency's environmental impact statements and assessments. Jon has bachelors and masters degrees in geography from Austin Peay State University and the University of Tennessee. He is a Registered Environmental Manager and a member of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

**Allan Lummus** is Conservation Chair of the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club. Allan is a biostatistician with the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. His primary environmental interest is the impact of manmade environments on human and biosystem health.

**Lisa J. Mahoney** currently serves as an environmental officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Border and Transportation Security Directorate. Previously, she was a regional environmental officer for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Burlington, Vermont. Prior to entering federal service, Lisa was in private law practice. She is a graduate of Tulane University and Vermont Law School and completed a fellowship with the Australian federal government in the Threatened Species and Communities Division.

**Stan Meiburg** has been Deputy Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 since April 1996. He began his career at EPA in 1977. Stan holds the B.A. degree from Wake Forest University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University.

**Richard Muller** served nearly 32 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, as an Environmental Scientist. He was a member of the Headquarters Department of the Army NEPA Support Team with specific responsibilities for assuring development, management, and final pre-signature review of U.S. Army NEPA Documents.

**George Prochaska** is Deputy Regional Administrator for the General Service Administration's Greater Southwest Region. George has been directly involved with implementing NEPA for 25 years. He has an MBA from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Civil Engineering degree from Texas A & M University. He teaches part of the Duke University short course on NEPA focused on the management implications of NEPA and specifically how to use NEPA for decision making.

**Ben Underwood** manages the environmental consulting firm Global Environmental Solutions in Charleston, South Carolina. He has 20 years of experience in litigating and managing NEPA processes in nearly every state in the U.S. and has provided strategic environmental advice in the United Kingdom and China. He is a regular lecturer on NEPA matters, and was a featured speaker at the 2001 Federal Judiciary annual convention.

**Daniel H. Warren** has been with Southern Company, an electric utility, in their Research and Environmental Affairs Department in Birmingham, Alabama for 21 years. His responsibilities include tracking developments and implementation of regulations for NEPA compliance, electric and magnetic fields, endangered species, and wetlands. Originally from Rogersville, Alabama, Dan holds a bachelors degree in marine biology from Auburn University and a masters from Clemson University in Environmental Engineering.

**Bob Willis** is the owner of Bob Willis Consulting and represented The Doe Run Company, a leader in mining, processing, recycling and fabrication of high quality lead and lead products. His consulting firm has provided environmental management and government relations assistance to The Doe Run Company for four years. Bob Willis Consulting has experience with NEPA, wetlands, minerals management on government land, 404 permits, threatened and endangered species, and other resource management and environmental law and policy. Prior to becoming a consultant, Bob worked for the USDA Forest Service for over 30 years.