

State of Brownfields Update 2017

Speaker Bios

Sandeep Burman is the Manager of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Site Remediation and Redevelopment Section, which was set up in 2013. The objective of this Section is to operate all of the Agency's hazardous substances remediation and redevelopment programs in an integrated and streamlined fashion. The Programs included in the Section are Federal and State Superfund, Site Assessment, RCRA Corrective Action, and Voluntary Investigation & Cleanup. Prior to assuming his current position, Sandeep supervised Units in the MPCA's Superfund and Petroleum Remediation Programs. Sandeep has been with the MPCA for 20 years and holds a Master's Degree in Hydrogeology, with a Civil Engineering minor, from the University of Minnesota; and is a licensed Professional Geologist in the State of Minnesota.

Amy Hadiaris is a Hydrogeologist with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). For the past 13 years she has worked in the MPCA's Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program, providing technical assistance and guidance for the redevelopment of contaminated properties, both large and small. Three years ago Amy also inherited the task of providing technical oversight of Superfund activities at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP). Amy has a B.Sc. degree in Natural Resources Policy and Management from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and a M.Sc. in Hydrogeology from the University of Nevada (Reno). She is a licensed Professional Geologist in the state of Minnesota.

Sara Peterson is an environmental attorney and owner of Parkway Law, LLC. She represents and counsels clients dealing with issues such as: environmental aspects of corporate, real estate and commercial transactions; environmental compliance and permitting; environmental enforcement matters; legacy environmental liabilities, and sustainability and environmental reporting matters. Sara began her career with Dorsey & Whitney's environmental and regulatory practice group in 2000 and was elected a partner in 2007. In 2010, to complement her legal practice, Sara became a part-time adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, creating the curriculum for and co-teaching their new Environmental Capstone Course. Starting in January 2011, she began teaching in the law school's Sustainability Law Clinic.

Charlie Vander Aarde is a Government Relations Specialist at Metro Cities, an organization that represents cities in the seven county metropolitan area at the Legislature, Executive Branch and Metropolitan Council. Charlie's areas of focus are housing, economic development and metropolitan government. He previously served as legislative staff in both the MN House and Senate. His prior work also includes directing citizen diplomacy efforts with the U.S. State Department in Seattle. Charlie grew up in Minnesota and is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He serves on the Neighborhood STAR Board for the City of St. Paul, Minnesota Brownfields Advisory Committee, coaches baseball and hockey and resides in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood of St. Paul with his family.