



## National Academies Committee on Guidance on PFAS Testing and Health Outcomes

### Western U.S. Communities Town Hall (ATSDR Regions 8-10)

Speaker and Moderator Biosketches (in alphabetical order by last name)

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**Martha Dina Argüello**, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles

For the past 32 years, Martha has served in the non-profit sector as an advocate, community organizer, and coalition builder. She joined PSR-LA in 1998 to launch the environmental health programs, and became Executive Director in November 2007. She is committed to making the credible voice of physicians a powerful instrument for transforming California and our planet into a more peaceful and healthy place.

As a coalition builder, Martha has emphasized the need for local grassroots advocacy working in partnership with statewide policy actions. She is an active board member of numerous organizations, including Californians for Pesticide Reform, the California Environmental Rights Alliance, and Californians for a Healthy and Green Economy. She also co-founded the Los Angeles County Asthma Coalition and the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice, and was appointed to Cal/EPA's Environmental Justice Committee and the California Air Resources Board's Global Warming Environmental Justice Advisory Committee.

**William "Bucky" Bailey**, Son of former DuPont Washington Works Plant Employee

William Bailey 3rd, Bucky, born in January of 1981 is the son of Sue Bailey who worked in the Teflon division at DuPont's Washington Works plant in Parkersburg, WV while pregnant with Bucky.

Bucky was born with multiple deformities including a serrated eyelid, keyhole pupil, and only one nostril. Both Bucky and Sue have been a part of multiple documentaries, motion pictures, congressional hearings, and more, sharing their testimonies and bringing to light the dishonest practices within DuPont in relation to their chemical regulations, policy and operations. Bucky currently lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Melinda, and two children Ethan and Ava.

**Mark A. Favors**, Fountain Valley Clean Water Coalition

Born and raised in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mark A. Favors is a U. S. Army veteran and registered nurse, and currently residing in New York City. After learning the U.S. Air Force - via Peterson Air Force Base -admitted dumping toxic PFAS chemicals into Fountain Creek for decades; and that more than 15 of his family members in these El Paso county PFAS drinking water contamination areas had been diagnosed with cancer over the last several years, Mark has



taken on an ardent advocacy role, such as testifying before U.S. House Oversight Committee in Congress. He is a member of the Fountain Valley Clean Water Coalition, advocating for safe drinking water and justice for Colorado.

#### **Fire Chief Randy Krause, Port of Seattle Fire Department**

Randy has 35 years of experience as a firefighter and a leader. During his career he has held positions of increasing responsibility across the career spectrum from firefighter to his current position as Fire Chief for The Port of Seattle Fire Department at Sea-Tac International Airport. Prior to coming to the Port of Seattle, Randy was the Deputy Fire Chief of Training, Compliance and Safety for the Boeing Fire Department. In this role he was responsible for managing the training and safety programs of 300 Fire Department personnel located throughout the United States. He began his firefighting career in 1985 while serving in the United States Air Force and at Boeing he reached 20 years of service prior to his departure.

As a respected subject matter expert in aircraft rescue firefighting, Randy has had the opportunity to influence aircraft rescue firefighting regulations, standards, and processes through various National and International committees and working groups. He is very engaged with and an active member of the NFPA ARF Technical Committee involved in writing NFPA 402, 403, 405, 408, 412, 414, 422, and 424. He also has taken on the Chair position for NFPA 1500, 1521, 1561, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, and 1585. Randy has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington – Bothell and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

#### **Aaron Maruzzo, University of California Berkeley School of Public Health**

Aaron Maruzzo is a Master of Public Health student in the Environmental Health Science department at UC Berkeley. He joined UC Berkeley after three years of working as the Water Lab Analyst for the public utility company in the Northern Marianas Islands, serving the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. He received his BA in Biology and Comparative Literature, and a concentration in Public Health, from Williams College, developing a strong interdisciplinary approach to diverse public health issues. In 2020, he was a co-author in a green chemistry report for Berkeley Center for Green Chemistry to identify nontoxic alternatives to short-chain PFAS in molded fiber food packaging. His current interests are in community exposure to PFAS in drinking water, green technology, environmental epidemiology, and environmental justice, where he aims to leverage academic resources at Cal to benefit science and policy actions toward a PFAS-free future in the Western Pacific U.S. territories.

#### **Jean Mendoza, Friends of Toppenish Creek**

Jean Mendoza is the Executive Director for the Friends of Toppenish Creek (FOTC), a 501(C) 3 non-profit group located on the Yakama Reservation in South Central Washington State. She is a masters prepared registered nurse (retired) with graduate studies in public health and policy. Her area of expertise is air and water pollution from concentrated animal feeding operations



(CAFOs). She served for seven years on the Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee addressing groundwater problems. FOTC conducts air and water research with funding from the Columbia Riverkeepers and the Yakama Nation.

Ms. Mendoza participates in community engagement regarding air pollution in Yakima County, WA where levels of fine particulate matter are high due to ammonia emissions from industrial dairies. Through FOTC she encourages and assists the WA State Department of Ecology and the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency to better protect the health of the multi-cultural communities that share the Yakima Valley. She has served on the YRCAA Agricultural Task Force and the YRCAA Dairy Work Group. She has testified before the legislature on Environmental Justice. She informs the public and policy makers about EJ at ground level and helps the victims of pollution to access assistance.

**Dr. Celeste Monforton**, Texas State University

Dr. Celeste Monforton, is a lecturer in public health at Texas State University. Dr. Monforton's research and advocacy focuses on the effectiveness of regulatory policy to protect workers from injuries, illnesses, and death. She has participated in dozens of rulemaking proceedings convened by federal agencies; provides technical assistance to community labor organizations and other groups; and has testified before Committees of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representative.

From 1991 to 2001, Monforton worked at the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Mine Safety and Health Administration. She served on the special panels appointed by the West Virginia Governor to investigate the Sago mine disaster that killed 12 coal miners and the Upper Big Branch explosion that killed 29 miners. Monforton earned a masters and doctorate from the George Washington University. She is a fellow in the Collegium Ramazzini and serves in leadership positions for the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization and the American Public Health Association.

Her book with co-author Jane Von Bergen, *On the Job: The Untold Story of Worker Centers and the New Fight for Wages, Dignity, and Health*, was published in May 2021 by The New Press.

**Pamela Miller**, Alaska Community Action on Toxics

Pamela K. Miller is founder and Executive Director of Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT). ACAT is an environmental health and justice research, policy, and advocacy organization. She brings more than 30 years of research, education, and advocacy experience to her present work. She serves as Principal Investigator for community-based participatory research projects funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Pamela received a Meritorious Service Award from the University of Alaska and Alaska Conservation Foundation's Olaus Murie

Award in recognition of her “long-term outstanding professional contributions to the conservation movement in Alaska.” She holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Wittenberg University and a master’s degree in environmental science from Miami University. Prior to coming to Alaska, she served as Ocean Issues Technical Coordinator for the Washington Department of Ecology and Director of a marine science education center at Nisqually Reach in southern Puget Sound. She received the Governors Award for Environmental Excellence in Washington State.

**Dr. Elizabeth Neary**, Wisconsin Environmental Health Network

Dr. Elizabeth Neary is a pediatrician. After practicing general pediatrics for 15 years, she has devoted herself to educating students, residents, legislators and general public about environmental health issues. She is the Co-President of the Wisconsin Environmental Health Network, part of PSR-Wisconsin. She is adjunct assistant clinical professor of pediatrics at UW Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and the Wisconsin representative to Region 3 PEHSU. For the past 5 years, she has taught environmental health to pediatric residents. She is an educator and scholar in public health and environmental health. She has testified on the health effects of PFAS to the WI state legislature and to the Madison Water Utility Board.

**Rebecca Patterson**, Vietnam Veterans of America

Rebecca Patterson is a US Navy Veteran and environmental health advocate whose work focuses on the health effects of military toxic exposures. As a High Ground Veterans Advocacy fellow in 2019, she advocated for policies to reduce PFAS exposure and clean up water contamination originating from the use of aqueous film—forming foam (AFFF) on military installations. She continues advocating for Veterans and their families through her roles as deputy director of the Veterans Health Council of Vietnam Veterans of America and president of Veterans’ Voice of America. Rebecca holds a Master of Public Health in environmental health sciences and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry.

**Dr. Anna Reade**, Natural Resources Defense Council

Anna Reade is a Staff Scientist with the Health and Food Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Anna works at the intersection of science and policy to reduce and eliminate harmful exposures to toxic chemicals for the safety of people and the environment. As NRDC's lead scientist on PFAS, she conducts research, develops innovative scientific tools and freely available resources to support wider understanding and communication of PFAS science. She also brings the most current scientific principles and data to guide NRDC's PFAS policy work. Prior to joining NRDC, she worked in the California State Senate as a Policy Fellow with the California Council on Science and Technology. She received her PhD in developmental biology from the University of California, San Francisco, where she was a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow.



**Liz Rosenbaum**, co-founder Fountain Valley Clean Water Coalition

Liz is a community activist fighting against the Toxic FireFighting Foam / AFFF that polluted the Widefield Aquifer in El Paso County Colorado. In 2016 she worked with other community members to start a coalition and as a result state legislation to ban the training use of these chemicals passed in 2019, and increased fines for corporations for polluting neighborhoods which is leading to a future of prevention rather than reaction across Colorado. Since 2019 at least 8 other bills have passed to also protect vulnerable communities so residents can have a voice in the clean up and reparation processes. Her community is still more persistent than PFAS as they seek out continued life time commitments by the Department of Defense to always pay for the filtering processes. This summer the community will be participating in health studies through the Center for Disease Control and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

**Linda Shosie**, Mothers For Safe Air & Safe Water


Linda Shosie, is a proud Latina woman, she is a mother, grandma, wife, founder and organizer of the grassroots community organization, Mothers For Safe Air & Safe Water in Tucson, Arizona. In her fight for the Human Right to Clean and Safe Water she has dedicated her entire life to protect public health. Linda has become one of the leading voices nationally regarding PFAS exposures in Latino Barrios. Linda lost her child in 2007, due to a rare disease Linda believed was as a result of exposures to numerous toxic chemicals that contain PFAS- associated with drinking water contamination on Tucson South-Side barrio. More recently Linda has begun initiating a community-led "PFAS Health Study" in her community to assess for PFAS in human blood. Linda is also part of the National PFAS Contamination Coalition advocating for PFAS Regulations.

**Lenny Siegel**, Center for Public Environmental Oversight

Lenny Siegel has been Executive Director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight since 1994. He is one of the American environmental movement's leading experts on both military facility contamination and the vapor intrusion pathway, and for his organization he runs two Internet newsgroups: the Military Environmental Forum and the Brownfields Internet Forum, as well as activist discussion lists on TCE and PFAS. He has served on several ITRC (Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council) work teams on environmental remediation and a dozen National Research Council committees addressing military environmental issues. In July 2011 Siegel was awarded U.S. EPA's Superfund Citizen of the Year award. He served as Mayor of Mountain View, California in 2018.

**Andria Ventura**, Legislative and Policy Director Clean Water Action

Andria Ventura left a corporate career in publishing in 1995 to join Clean Water Action's New Jersey chapter working on drinking water, pollution prevention, and source water protection.



She joined the California Clean Water staff in May 2003 and represented CWF on the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water's Program Advisory Committee, the CHANGE coalition, the BizNGO Policy Work Group, and the Safer States Coalition working on toxics. Key areas of Andria's work include developing beneficial uses of water to protect tribes and subsistence fishers, surface water cleanup and protection, drinking water contaminants, chemical policy.