

PRESENTERS

Thomas Carter

**Vice President, Sales and Strategic Initiatives,
The Wercs Ltd.**



Thomas Carter has served for approximately 20 years in various industry segments specializing in software applications. His primary roles

have been in the areas of sales leadership, marketing and business development.

Since joining The Wercs Ltd. in 2002 Thomas has played a key role in the development and launch of an industry-wide supply chain solution adopted by key retailers for effectively providing critical compliance and green chemistry data for more than 150,000 consumer products sold in the United States and abroad. This process has been critical toward driving and improving safer chemistry in consumer products.

The Wercs is a global leader in providing materials compliance and green chemistry solutions to the chemical-based and retail industries, serving more than 2,500 customers.



Helen Holder

**Corporate Material Selection Manager,
Hewlett-Packard Co.**



Helen Holder is the corporate material selection manager at Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP), where she evaluates and qualifies materials for use in products.

She has introduced environmental and human health criteria to complement traditional functionality, safety and reliability requirements for materials selection.

Helen received her Bachelor of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received her Master of Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was an HP resident fellow.



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Dennis McGavis

**Product Stewardship and Regulatory Affairs Director,
Shaw Industries Group Inc.**



Dennis McGavis is the product stewardship and regulatory affairs director at Shaw Industries Group Inc.

His focus is on life cycle assessments, product eco-label certifications, Design for the Environment program management and product regulatory affairs.

Prior to working at Shaw, Dennis helped the electronics industry develop product stewardship solutions around product energy efficiency, product chemical and material content, product recyclability, product recycled content (plastics and packaging), end-of-life product classification, supply chain management, and take-back and recycling.

Dennis co-developed the Energy Star program for office equipment.



Teresa McGrath

**Supervising Toxicologist for Green Chemistry
Programs, NSF International**



Teresa McGrath represents NSF International, a not-for-profit public safety company based in Ann Arbor, Mich. She is the supervising toxicologist for

the green chemistry programs at NSF, which include chemical product formulation reviews for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Design for the Environment program, ingredient reviews for the CleanGredients database, risk assessments, inventory assessments, sustainable product certifications and eco-efficiency analysis.

She spent two years at the EPA in the Design for the Environment branch of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

Teresa earned her master's degree in clean chemical technology at the University of York, England, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.



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Pam Palitz

**Environmental Health Advocate and Staff Attorney,
Environment California**



Pam Palitz directs Environment California's environmental health projects. She is working to improve the way chemicals are regulated so that consumers can be sure safe chemicals are being used in the products they use, the food they eat and the water they drink.

Pam came to Environment California from CLEEN (the California League for Environmental Enforcement Now), a coalition of public-interest litigators who sue toxic polluters under Proposition 65.

As a journalist, under the byline Pam King, she worked for several California newspapers, including the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle and Contra Costa Times. Pam graduated from Yale and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco.



Michael Schmeida

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional (AP) and Director of Sustainable Programs, Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing



Michael Schmeida is the director of sustainable programs for Tremco Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing in Beachwood, Ohio. Under Michael's guidance, the division is leading the industry in green standards and policy development both regionally and nationally, embracing sustainability in its business practices and becoming a leader in sustainable design.

He has been a featured speaker and author on several occasions, recently as a contributing author in "Handbook of Sealant Technology." In it, he describes how sealant technologies help contribute to all facets of green building, including energy savings.

Michael has bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from The University of Akron.



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George Thompson, Ph.D.

**President and Chief Executive Officer,
Chemical Compliance Systems Inc.**



George Thompson, Ph.D., has been president and chief executive officer of Chemical Compliance Systems Inc. (CCS) and Compliance Innovations Inc.

(CII) for the past 25 years.

CCS has compiled the largest relational hazardous chemical, product and regulatory databases in the world and has developed 28 Web-based analytical compliance modules. Eight of these Web-based modules utilize 43 ecological, health and safety “green” criteria first developed by CCS in 2003 for the U.S. Department of Defense.

George earned his doctorate in toxicology and psychopharmacology from Oregon State University in 1969 and worked in the pharmaceutical, chemical and flavor/fragrance industries prior to establishing CCS and CII in 1985.

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Margaret Whittaker, Ph.D.

**Managing Director and Chief Toxicologist,
ToxServices LLC**



Margaret Whittaker, Ph.D., is the managing director and chief toxicologist of ToxServices LLC.

She serves as the project manager and technical lead for ToxServices projects for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; international certification organizations; testing laboratories; and consumer products companies that manufacture and test products such as cleaning chemicals, fragrance agents, cosmetics, dietary supplements, food additives, drinking water additives and drinking water system components. She has contributed to or managed the development of 500 human health risk assessments, as well as hundreds of product-specific toxicology evaluations.

Margaret earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in toxicology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and a Master of Public Health degree in environmental health from the University of Michigan.

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