

Speaker Biographies

Dave Waddell - Dave Waddell is the principal of Waddell Environmental, LLC in Seattle, Washington. He has worked with the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington since 1991 until 2017 as a senior environmental investigator, pollution prevention inspector, school laboratory and art chemical hazards project manager and a frequent trainer and question answerer. He authored the King County Laboratory Waste Management Guide, created and maintains an exhaustive on-line School Chemicals Database and created and managed the award-winning Rehab the Lab program, which safely removed over 39 tons of laboratory chemicals out of King County secondary schools, including over 50 potentially explosive compounds.

Waddell Environmental LLC has provided school chemical consulting and training services throughout the country. He has helped environmental agencies, school districts and teachers safely manage and remove unneeded and highly hazardous chemicals from schools from Washington to Florida and New Hampshire to Oregon. His trainings are highly rated, whether in person or via webinars.

He has been the past-President of the Board of Directors for the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association. At NAHMMA he has provided trainings on hazardous materials management to hundreds of environmental professionals.

Melissa Zych—Pollution Prevention Program Manager for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). She has worked at NHDES for seven years helping businesses to reduce waste and remain in compliance with NHDES rules. Prior to that Melissa worked in industry for twenty-five years implementing pollution prevention practices in all aspects of her work environment. She is a certified hazardous waste coordinator and holds a B.A. in Art from Plymouth State University.

Teresa Ferrara—An Industrial Hygienist working for WorkWISE NH. This is the New Hampshire OSHA Consultation Program run out of Keene State College. She assists NH businesses with recognizing, evaluating and controlling health hazards in the workplace. These are primarily manufactures and health care industries. She has over 25 years of experience in this field. Teresa has a BA in Biology from Franklin Pierce University and a Masters in Public Health from Boston University.