

New Jersey Noise Control Council Biographies (7-11-2019)

Arnold W. Schmidt, Chair – Has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and is a NJ Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist (Ret.). In 2018 he retired after working for Union County for 30 years where he coordinated and supervised the County Environmental Health Compliance and Enforcement programs for NJ environmental regulations including Air Pollution, Noise, Solid Waste, Pesticides and Water. He was initially certified as a “Noise Control Officer” in 1988 and was involved in thousands of inspection and complaint investigations including hundreds of noise complaint investigations. He has served on the NJ Noise Control Council since being appointed in 2006 and is a member of the NJ Environmental Health Association. Prior to working for the County he worked for 12 years as an Associate Toxicologist and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator for Revlon Research Inc. in Edison, NJ and the Bronx, NY where he performed, monitored and audited pre-clinical and clinical studies and was study director for sub-chronic and acute toxicology studies. He also was responsible for facility operations to assure compliance with FDA, GLP, DEA, NJDOH and internal regulations. Living in Franklin Township (Somerset County) he is on the Township Environmental Commission of which he was Chair for three years. He is also an appointed member of the Township Open Space Advisory Committee and the Shade Tree Commission.

Stephen M. Szulecki, Vice Chair, M.S., INCE, - Mr. Szulecki has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Sciences from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He has served as Director of the Rutgers Air Pollution Training Programs from 1991 to 2000 and 2010 to present. He also served as Acting Director of the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center in 1991.

Mr. Szulecki’s other professional role is as Vice President of The Noise Consultancy, LLC, a consulting group which is involved exclusively with environmental and occupational noise issues. He assists private- and public-sector clients in NJ and throughout the country with assessing noise issues, achieving regulatory compliance, designing and implementing noise mitigation measures, and providing expert witness services in land use and adjudicatory hearings. Clients include: companies in the pharmaceutical, food services, retail, manufacturing and industrial sectors; federal, state and local governmental entities and individuals. He has extensive experience with the use of CadnaA (3-dimensional, graphical acoustical modeling software), Traffic Noise Model (TNM) developed for the Federal Highway Administration and others tools used in the assessment and control of noise.

Mr. Szulecki has participated as a research scientist, at Rutgers University, on federal and state grant funded projects related to community noise. These projects involved train and highway noise and development of regulations for the NJ State Agricultural Development Committee regarding wind turbines and utility-scale solar arrays, “solar farms.”

Mr. Szulecki presented a research paper at the Institute of Noise Control Engineers (INCE) annual conference, in Baltimore, MD, based on findings of the federally-funded research conducted at Rutgers University. He has made presentations at other meetings and conferences. In 2014, he served as the primary investigator for a project funded by the National Shipbuilders Research Program (NSRP is funded by the US Navy) to assess and develop practical control strategies for portable ventilation blowers used during construction and renovation of aircraft carriers and submarines.

Mr. Szulecki has attended NJ Noise Control Council (NCC) meetings since October 2009 and was formally appointed by the NJ Governor in 2014. As a member of the NCC he served as the primary author of the *Guidelines for the Investigation of Noise Complaints*, a guidance document produced by the NCC and approved by the NJDEP, to assist those engaged in noise enforcement as well as those in the regulated community.

Joseph Lepis Jr. - Is a graduate in mechanical/civil engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1971 and graduated from the "Environmental Management Institute of the University of Southern California". This was a Post-Graduate level Federal EPA middle management training course. † Joe completed one year of law school at New York Law School and attended over 75 Federal EPA, NJDEP and Rutgers environmental training courses. He was selected in the 1970's to work with the Federal EPA Region II Noise office for code development and seminars directed at government officials to adopt local noise codes. Since 1980 Joe has participated with NJDEP and the Noise Control Council to develop local model codes and to amend the State Noise Code. † Joe introduced concepts of urban enforcement to codes which were developed by suburban oriented minds. He has attended over 50 FAA, EPA and Port Authority meetings regarding Newark Airport aircraft noise and traffic patterns. He has responded to hundreds of noise complaints and used this experience to help make the codes equally protective of urban dwellers. He has been a member of the NCC since 1987 and was Chairman for 12 years and Vice Chair for 8 years.

Dr. Iris G. Udasin – Ex Officio – Is a professor of Environmental and Occupational Medicine for Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson medical school. Dr. Udasin graduated from SUNY Stony brook with a BS in biology in 1978 and received her MD from SUNY Downstate in 1982. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Rutgers in 1985 and completed further training in Environmental and Occupational Medicine at Rutgers. She is board certified in Internal medicine and Environmental and Occupational medicine.

Dr. Udasin is Director of The Clinical Center of the Environmental and Occupational Health Institute at Rutgers. She is the New Jersey Principal Investigator of the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment program. She is also Director of employee health for Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Her clinical practice includes treatment, surveillance and prevention of health effects of occupational and environmental exposures to pollutants including noise.

In addition to treatment and monitoring of workers, Dr. Udasin teaches residents, medical students, graduate and undergraduate students concerning health issues related to exposure to noise and other toxins.

Norman R. Dotti, PE, PP, INCE – Has worked as a consulting acoustical engineer since 1971. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and licensed Professional Planner in New Jersey. He is the Principal of Russell Acoustics, LLC, consulting engineers specializing in noise and vibration measurement, analysis and control.

He has a Bachelor's degree in engineering from Stevens Inst. of Technology and a Master's from NJIT. Post-graduate courses in noise control engineering, instrumentation, product design, speech analysis, digital filters and others. He developed and taught the Advanced Noise Control course for U.S. DOL at the OSHA Training Institute for over a decade. Developed and taught Industrial Noise Control I & II courses for B&K Instruments, a major acoustical instrumentation manufacturer, for over a decade. Taught short courses in acoustics for industries, State and Federal governments. Done classified acoustical development for U.S. DOD.

He has testified as expert witness in acoustical engineering in New Jersey at local municipal board hearings, municipal courts, county courts, State and Federal courts.

Clients include developers, manufacturers, engineering firms, individuals, NJ agencies and municipalities. Principal areas of work are New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, with occasional work in other parts of the U.S. and other countries. Projects include measuring existing sound levels, mitigation measures, analysis of proposed projects, instrumentation systems for monitoring sound levels, and computer modeling of complex acoustical projects.

He was first appointed to the New Jersey Noise Control Council in 2005 by Governor Cody, and reappointed in 2014 by Governor Christie. He is also a member of the Acoustical Society of America and Institute of Noise Control Engineers (by exam).

Randy Hauser – Ex Officio – Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from NJIT 1977 in Environmental Engineering Technology, an MA in 1978 from NYU in Occupational Safety and Health, and I got an MBA from Fordham, Lincoln Center campus in 1983. I Randy worked for United States Metals Refining Company, 1978-79 in the Safety Dept and the Environmental Dept. and has been employed by the NJ State Dept of Labor as an Occupational Health Consultant since January 1980. In this capacity Randy conducts hazard surveys, mostly of industrial establishments, perform comprehensive industrial hygiene reviews, assess compliance with mandated OSHA programs, and assess safety and health management systems for effectiveness in maintaining workplaces free of hazards. Randy also provides training in an as needed basis on occupational health topics at workplaces.

Eric B. Lieberman, Esq. – Ex Officio – Eric B. Lieberman, Esq. – Ex Officio - Has a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers School of Law. Eric and has been a practicing attorney since 1994 and since 2002 has been with the New Jersey Department of Health. Within the Department of Health, Division of Consumer Environmental and Occupational Health he is the Project Leader for the Wholesale Drug Program and is responsible for registration and regulation of all wholesale distributors of prescription and OTC drugs and medical devices in New Jersey.

John C. Kapferer – Has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, MBA in Business Management, PH.D in Finance & Public Administration. President – Design & Construction Manager. Oversaw a major home construction and renovation business. Consultant to various Municipal boards concerning inspection issues. Supervised sub-contractors to insure compliance with building plans. Reviewed Architectural plans with clients. Reviewed existing contracts for consistency and life cycle development. Initiated methods and procedures to transition new billing system. Evaluated pricing and profitability, and project solutions. Documented and trained employees on system usage and operation. Has been a member of the Noise Control Council since 1987.

David Triggs – Has been employed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) since 1989. He has served as the Department’s Liaison to the New Jersey Noise Control Council (Council) from 2001 to the present. His additional noise-related responsibilities include the review and approval of municipal noise ordinances, attending Council meetings, acting as rule manager whenever the State Noise Control Regulations under N.J.A.C. 7:29-1 sunset, managing the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center’s contract with the Department, monitoring state-wide noise control investigator’s noise certification, updating the Department’s noise control website and answering general questions and noise complaints from the public. Dave has served as the NCC recording secretary since 2014.

Salvatore Fama – Ex Officio – Holds a Masters of Science degree in Environmental & Occupational Health from Hunter College of the City University of New York, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from St. John's University. He is a certified hazardous materials manager (CHMM) and a certified public manager (CPM). Mr. Fama has twenty-plus years of experience in the environmental health & safety field and has worked for a number of large private and governmental organizations as a physical scientist and industrial hygienist. Currently, he manages the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's Office of Health & Safety.

John Lago – Ex Officio – Represents the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on the Council. He has a Masters in Urban Affairs and a Bachelor’s in political science from Virginia Tech.