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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – SOUTH DISTRICT

Wastewater & Emergency Response: Spills, Sheens and SSOs

Speakers' Bios:

Lina Cerquera, FDEP SD Environmental Consultant, Office of Emergency Response.

Lina is an Environmental Consultant for the Department of Environmental Protection. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences & Chemistry from Florida State University. Lina manages Hazardous Materials releases at regulated facilities, transportation emergencies & natural disasters. She has been serving in the Emergency Response capacity since 2012, where she began her career as a Storage Tank inspector. She is a 160Hr. Certified Hazardous Materials Technician, Stormwater Inspector, Asbestos Contractor Supervisor and HAZWOPER Trainer.

Patricia Goense, DEP South District, Environmental Specialist, Office of Emergency Response

Patricia is an Environmental Specialist for the Department in the District's Office of Emergency Response. Patricia manages and responds to hazardous material releases from regulated facilities, transportation related incidents, and natural disasters. She has been an emergency responder with the Department since 2018, prior to which she began her position as a Waste Cleanup Specialist and District Brownfield Coordinator. Patricia holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Geology from Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Louise Chang, FDEP South District, Environmental Specialist III, Program & Citizen Support Services

Louise is an Environmental Specialist for the Department of Environmental Protection's South District. She holds a BS in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of South Florida and a MS in Environmental Impact Assessment from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She has worked in a regulatory compliance role for over 10 years. Since 2019, Louise has worked with the DEP's Wastewater Compliance and Assurance Program on permitting and compliance issues and leads the team on enforcement cases.