



DENISE CLENDENING, PhD

Associate Principal, Site Assessment Services

Denise has over 27 years of experience providing technical oversight and performing human health risk assessments, site assessments, and investigations of chemical waste at multiple sites including Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) and Superfund sites. She is adept at applying alternatives that are economical yet protective of human health and the environment. She conducts realistic assessments and calculates target cleanup levels based on site-specific exposure scenarios. Her work has involved pesticides, heavy metals, solvents, and petroleum-contaminated soils. She assists multiple school districts in California with site assessment, public relations, and the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) school site approval process. She participates in public hearings and school board meetings and coordinates her projects with the CEQA process.

Before joining PlaceWorks, Denise managed large divestiture environmental due diligence projects for the electric power industry and was involved in numerous environmental projects for oil field operation. Her experience also includes the development and testing of risk assessment software and teaching training courses in risk assessment using different software programs.

Denise has established a very good reputation with regulatory agencies and negotiates risk-related issues on behalf of her clients. She is a member of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Underground Storage Tank Advisory Board and has extensive experience with site closure activities with the DTSC, Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and local oversight agencies throughout California.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS

- » Xerox Corporation Preliminary Environmental Assessment and Health Risk Assessment | Santa Ana CA
- » Human Health Risk Evaluation, Literature Research for American Petroleum Institute
- » City of Redlands Health Risk Assessment | Redlands CA
- » Caltrans Risk Assessment and Groundwater Impact Analysis | California
- » Risk Assessments and Indoor Air Sampling for Confidential Client(s) | Various Locations
- » Human Health & Ecological Risk Assessment – Technical Review | Various Locations
- » Landfill Risk Assessments | Various Locations
- » Risk Assessments for Pesticide Contaminated Soil | Various Locations
- » Human Health Risk Assessment for Confidential Mineral Resources Client | Arizona
- » Human Health Risk Assessment at Whites Point Nike Missile Site | Los Angeles County CA
- » Human Health Risk Assessment at Fort MacArthur | Los Angeles County CA

EDUCATION

- » PhD, Soil Physics, University of California, Riverside
- » MS, Soil Science, University of California, Riverside
- » BS, Geology, University of California, Riverside

CERTIFICATIONS

- » Oil Spill Response Training

AFFILIATIONS

- » Soil Science Society of America
- » American Geophysical Union
- » American Chemical Society
- » Society of Risk Analysis
- » Coalition of Adequate School Housing

Team member since 2005



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SITE ASSESSMENTS

- » Site Remediation for Hull Middle School | Torrance CA
- » PEA for New High School, William S. Hart UHSD | Castaic CA
- » Phase I for Property at East Briar Drive | San Bernardino County CA
- » PEA for Stella Academy Middle School | Los Angeles CA
- » Phase I for Valley Boulevard Widening | City of Industry CA
- » Oil Field Preliminary Environmental Assessment | Culver City CA
- » Lead-Based Paint Evaluations | Various Locations
- » Cogeneration Facilities Permit Applications | Various Locations throughout California
- » NRG Energy Environmental Due Diligence Investigations | California
- » AES Environmental Due Diligence Work Plans | California
- » Remedial Investigation and Remedial Action for Jersey Avenue Elementary School Site (Congresswomen Grace Napolitano presented award for special congressional recognition for project), Little Lake City School District | City of Santa Fe Springs CA
- » Preliminary Environmental Assessments for over 100 school sites throughout California
- » Phase I ESA and PEAs for four school sites, Moreno Valley USD
- » Phase I ESAs, PEAs, SSIs and RAWs for eight school sites, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
- » Phase I ESA for Elementary School No. 19, Rialto USD
- » PEA and SSI for the New High School No. 3 Site, Colton Joint USD
- » Phase I ESA and PEAs for four school sites, Lynwood USD
- » Phase I ESA for the Proposed Elementary School No. 8, San Ysidro School District
- » Phase I ESA for the Proposed K–8 Parker Dam School, Needles USD
- » PEAs for three school sites and environmental and legislative support services, Santa Ana USD
- » Phase I ESA, PSHA, and PEA for Community Day School, Eastside USD
- » PEAs for five school sites in Clovis | Clovis CA
- » PEA for redevelopment project for the City of South Gate | South Gate CA
- » Phase I ESA for Arrowhead Springs Resort I | San Bernardino CA
- » Phase I ESA for two Charter Schools for Green Dot Public Schools | Los Angeles CA
- » Phase I and Phase II ESA for Former Service Station | Los Angeles CA
- » Phase I ESAs, PEA, SSIs, and fill testing for multiple school sites, Pomona USD
- » PEA and methane gas testing, Encinitas USD
- » Phase I ESA and lead testing for multiple sites, Fontana USD
- » Proponent’s Environmental Assessment for PUC | Long Beach CA
- » Initial Site Assessments for Street Widening Projects | Santa Ana CA
- » Phase I ESAs for Renaissance Community Fund | Corona CA

TITLE 5/CDE RISK ASSESSMENTS

- » Geohazard Assessment for Inglewood Site, Today’s Fresh Start Charter School
- » PEAs and Title 5 Assessments for three school sites, Redlands USD
- » Title 5 Compliance Study Reports for four sites, Whittier Union High School District
- » Prairie Vista Lead Testing, Hawthorne USD
- » Environmental Support and Risk Assessment for school sites, San Dieguito Union High School District
- » Human Health Risk Assessment School Site, Pomona USD
- » Title 5 Hazard and Constraints Analysis for four school sites, Irvine USD
- » Title 5 Hazard and Constraints Analysis for school site, Rialto USD