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Ms. Dickerson is a Research Associate at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine. Ms. Dickerson works on Environmental and Energy projects, with past emphasis on pollution prevention and efficiencies.

Ms. Dickerson holds a Masters of Science in Environmental Management and Policy and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Ms. Dickerson has experience with multiple areas in the environmental field, including specific work on pollution prevention, energy conservation, solid waste, and environmental compliance. Ms. Dickerson's recent work includes an evaluation of the potential for potato growers in Maine to expand their crops for non-food markets, and as part of the Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative (FBRI) at the University of Maine evaluating and integrating the most current specific perspectives and information from the FBRI project to determine what is needed for a viable biorefinery facility.

Prior to her work at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Ms. Dickerson was Technical Lead for the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) in Seattle, WA. Responsibilities included providing services for technical assistance providers at the state and local levels in areas including pollution prevention, energy conservation, and solid waste. The services included an extensively used "rapid response" research service; topical reports on Pollution Prevention issues and opportunities, which required an analysis of energy and environmental costs and benefits of proposed solutions; technology reviews; and monthly e-mail surveys and bulletins.

While at PPRC, Ms. Dickerson was also involved in the formation of a national network of regional centers providing specialized information, best management practices, contacts and expert referrals, training and conferences, and networking opportunities to technical assistance providers in their region. As a representative for Region 10 (the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska), Ms. Dickerson worked on measurement of pollution prevention, and the exchange of ideas and programs that worked effectively for individual centers. This national network (known as P2Rx) was a recipient of the Hammer Award, from the National Partnership for Reinventing Government. Ms. Dickerson also developed a peer review policy and service that PPRC provides to technical assistance providers in their region, as well as through the national network (P2Rx).

As an environmental consultant, Ms. Dickerson gained extensive experience with environmental compliance for industrial and governmental clients, including hazardous waste contingency plans, wastewater reporting, and assessment and cleanup of state and federal listed sites in a number of different programs. Additionally, Ms. Dickerson has been involved in energy siting board and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission filing for specific energy projects.