



## **GORDON GILLERMAN**

Gordon Gillerman is the Director of Standards Services, Standards Coordination Office at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Gordon has extensive experience in coordinating standards policy and development across a wide range of sectors critical to the US including homeland security, safety, health and protection of the environment.

Gordon has been the NIST lead in designing and implementing conformity assessment programs as well as assisting in the development of performance standards to meet other federal agency and industry needs and fulfill NIST's role in coordinating standards and conformity assessment in the US. Gordon is the Public Sector Co-Chair of the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) Homeland Security Standards Panel, a member of the Toy Industry Association, Toy Safety Certification Program's Oversight Council and a sought after lecturer on standards, conformity assessment and regulation.

Previous positions include leading government affairs for the largest US product safety certification and standard development organization, Underwriters Laboratories (UL) in Washington, DC, and Staff Engineer for the medical device and information technology sectors at UL's Northbrook, IL headquarters. Gordon has worked collaboratively within the standards community to enhance health, safety, the environment and security throughout his career. In 2008 Gordon received an Environmental Protection Agency Gold Medal. He has also received a Department of Commerce Bronze Medal and the ANSI Meritorious Service Award for his work in standards and conformity assessment.

Gordon received a Bachelor's Degree BSEET from Bradley University in Peoria, IL.

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## **SARAH JENSEN**

Ms. Jensen administers the Sustainable Green Buildings component of the Federal Energy Management Program at the U.S. Department of Energy. In this capacity, she manages and coordinates a comprehensive, nation-wide education program to assist agencies in their efforts to comply with the Guiding Principles for High Performance Sustainable Buildings (new construction and existing buildings). Ms. Jensen works with DOE's National Laboratories, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive to help agencies identify and implement strategies to comply with the Guiding Principles, which are a requirement of Executive Orders 13423 and 13514.

Ms. Jensen also co-chairs the Interagency Sustainability Working Group (ISWG) with the General Services Administration. The ISWG meets six times a year, functioning as a forum for agencies to learn from each other innovative best practices in sustainable facilities management.

Ms. Jensen will serve a GSA-DOE-DOD committee to review private third party building certification systems this spring.

Prior to her position with DOE, Ms. Jensen served as Deputy Director and Environmental Counsel for the Green the Capitol Office within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives. Ms. Jensen is an expert in natural resources, energy and environmental law and policy, and led a partnership across Capitol Hill to implement aggressive, realistic operational choices to reduce the House's environmental footprint and encourage the conscientious use of natural resources. She led Green the Capitol's efforts to institute environmentally preferable acquisition practices, and spearheaded work with the Capitol facilities managers, the Architect of the Capitol, to make the House of Representatives a model of environmental sustainability and energy efficiency.

Ms. Jensen earned her law degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College, where she specialized in natural resources law. She is a member of the Virginia Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, and serves on the American Bar Association's Committee on Climate Change.

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## **ERIK PUSKAR**

Erik Puskar leads global standards information activities within the Standards Services, Standards Coordination Office at NIST.

Erik provides technical information related to standards and supports Federal agencies by monitoring developments in standards and conformity assessment internationally. Erik also leads SSG's impact analysis efforts of voluntary consensus standards as well as NIST's efforts on education about standardization. He is a member of the ANSI Committee on Education and represents NIST on the International Cooperation for Education about Standardization (ICES).

In addition to standards, he has experience in the fields of information technology, funding innovative high-risk technology and fiscal affairs/taxation. Previous to SSD, Erik was a program manager with the Advanced Technology Program (now Technology Innovation Program) of NIST and has held other positions with the U.S. Government, international development organizations, and consulting.

Erik holds a degree in Economics from Rutgers University and a Master's Degree in Public Management and Policy from Carnegie-Mellon University.

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## **KATHARINE TETER**

Katharine (Joni) Teter is currently engaged in the High Performance Building Demonstration Research program; a variety of submetering activities; review of green building certification systems; development of guidelines for selection of “green product standards and ecolabels in federal procurement; performance metrics & tracking systems; greenhouse gas emissions accounting; and development of the Office’s “Research into Practice Knowledge Network.”

Before joining GSA, Joni spent 20 years at EPA as a lawyer and project manager. From 2005-2009, she served as project coordinator on the Denver EPA building design/construction/move team; post-occupancy, she developed and implemented programs using the Denver facility as a learning lab and teaching tool, including operational research and integration of high performance building standards with environmental management system requirements. Past EPA work includes complex negotiations in large Superfund sites, wetlands enforcement and environmental impact assessments. During the 1990's she worked extensively with government agencies and businesses to better integrate technical, environmental, scientific and legal considerations in business planning and implementation, including tours of duty at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and environmental auditing support to the Malaysia Department of Environment.

Joni teaches part time at Colorado State University in the Global Social & Sustainable Enterprise MBA program. As a Fulbright Scholar and Specialist, Joni has worked extensively on developing green building programs in Egypt. Joni has a BA in political science and a JD from the University of Colorado, earned a Green Building certificate from Colorado State University’s Institute for the Built Environment, and is a LEED Accredited Professional.



## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEITH WELCH**

Lieutenant Colonel Keith Welch is the Chief of Environmental Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. In addition to overseeing the Department's environmental program, he is responsible for sustainable infrastructure policy, environmental management systems, and joint base environmental standards. Previously, Lt Col Welch was responsible for the Air Force Energy Program and before that served as commander of the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Lt. Col. Welch also served as commander of the 423d Civil Engineer Squadron, RAF Alconbury, England, and staff civil engineer to the 501st Combat Support Wing Commander. He has deployed to Saudi Arabia, Kyrgyzstan, and most recently to Afghanistan in support of Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan and NATO Training Mission Afghanistan. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant after graduating from Penn State University in May 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

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