

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Katherine N. Probst		
2. Your Title: Independent Consultant		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Myself		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. None.		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. Will do.		

Signature:



Date:

4/16/2018

KATHERINE N. PROBST

EDUCATION **Masters in City and Regional Planning,**
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

B.A., Government and American Studies, *cum laude*,
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT.

SKILLS

- **Policy analysis and research**
- **Program evaluation**
- **Written and oral communications**
- **Strategic planning**
- **Organize and facilitate workshops and conferences**
- **Proposal writing and fundraising research**

WORK EXPERIENCE

6/12 – present **Independent Consultant**

EDF – conducting background research on Superfund sites.

ACEC – researched and wrote independent white paper on the federal Superfund program.

Center for National Security Studies – provided strategic planning and program management advice, as well as fundraising research and support.

RESOLVE, Inc. – Helping to develop tools for collaborative processes. Conducted analyses regarding the use of stakeholder advisory panels for federal policy and provided fundraising research and support.

Natural Resources Defense Council - conducted research and analysis of major Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) reporting schemes and analysis of CSR reports of ten major corporations.

4/10 – 5/12 **Vice President, Institutional Greening Programs, Green Seal, Inc.,**
Washington, DC.

Responsible for oversight of the Institutional Greening program, managing staff and outreach to federal, state, and local governments as well as members of the NGO and corporate sectors regarding environmentally preferable purchasing and other efforts to improve sustainability. Project manager and co-author of *Green Building Operations and Maintenance Manual for Public Housing Authorities*, Green Purchasing Action Plan for the City of Los Angeles, and Green Purchasing Manual for State departments of transportation. Main contact for Green Seal's corporate sustainability standard, GS-C1. Conducted two evaluations of internal

Green Seal operations to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

1/10 – 4/10 **Independent consultant**, McLean, VA.
Research on cancer clusters for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

10/94 – 12/09 **Senior Fellow**, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

Directed a variety of research and policy projects related to Superfund and other environmental programs. The focus of these studies was to evaluate the effectiveness of national environmental programs and make recommendations for improving implementation, policies, and legislation. Responsible for developing project ideas, fundraising, bringing in projects on time and within budget, as well as extensive outreach and communications activities to the full panoply of stakeholders and congressional staff. Managed research teams of both internal and external researchers, developed outreach strategies in coordination with press office. Coordinated and facilitated numerous workshops, conferences, and other meetings.

Major projects included:

- Organized and facilitated conference on the role of the states in federal climate legislation, as well as drafting related issue paper;
- Developing a model carbon dioxide emissions label for motor vehicles (see www.rff.org/co2vehiclelabel);
- Evaluation of current measures of success for the Superfund program and development of recommendations for new metrics to create incentives for progress and transparency;
- Report to Congress estimating the costs of the Superfund program over the next 10 years, which included not only the requested cost estimates, but also detailed evaluations of major program components and recommendations for improved implementation;
- Research study examining the need for a long-term stewardship program for sites in the nuclear weapons complex that included recommendations for how such a program should be organized and structured; and
- Evaluation of the evolution of hazardous waste management programs in eight countries.

Frequently asked to provide technical assistance to congressional staff, trade press, government managers, representatives of industry and environmental groups. Appeared on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* to talk about 2001 Superfund report, as well as on WNYC call-in show. Interviewed frequently by reporters for local and regional papers, as well as representatives of the national press. Served on federal government advisory panels at EPA, DOE and the National Academy of Sciences.

5/1/04 – 9/30/06 **Director**, Risk, Resource, and Environmental Management Division, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC.

Member of the RFF management committee. Responsible for the division budget, personnel reviews, recruiting and participating in management deliberations and decisions, as well as implementing own research agenda.

10/91 - 9/94 **Fellow**, Center for Risk Management, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

Project director and lead author of an analysis of the financial implications of alternative Superfund liability and taxing schemes and study of the strengths and weaknesses of alternative liability approaches for Superfund.

10/90 - 9/91 **Consultant-in-residence**, Center for Risk Management, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

Project director for examination of alternative financing and liability mechanisms for the Superfund program. Directed the planning and implementation of a one-day conference for the U.S. EPA to bring together researchers and a cross-section of the Superfund policy-making community to discuss research to help inform the reauthorization debate.

5/90 - 9/90 **Director**, Planning and Marketing, Clean Sites, Inc. Alexandria, VA

Drafted Clean Sites' strategic plan for 1991 and worked with senior management to implement recommendations. Served on Clean Sites' Management Committee.

5/88 - 4/90 **Senior Policy Analyst**, Public Policy and Education, Clean Sites, Inc. Alexandria, VA

Lead author and project director of a number of evaluations of federal environmental programs including Clean Sites' report *Making Superfund Work*.

6/87 - 5/88 **Program Administrator**, Psychiatry Service, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington, DC

Administrator for program to provide services to homeless, chronically mentally ill, veterans.

12/84 - 4/87

Program Director, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Washington, DC

Director of the Institute's hazardous waste management policy program; liaison with congressional, EPA, industry and environmental group staff on RCRA issues.

9/83 - 12/84

Deputy Director, Office of Regulatory Review, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, New York, NY

Responsible for designing and managing comprehensive evaluations of the Department's policy development and permit issuance processes.

9/80 - 8/83

Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Management Systems and Evaluation, Washington, DC

Directed a variety of program evaluation and strategic planning projects, with emphasis on hazardous waste and program implementation issues and state-EPA partnerships.

RECENT PRESS LINK

2017

Interviewed on NPR's Morning Edition by Joe Wertz, *Can the EPA Clean Up Superfund Sites Faster?* aired October 6, 2017.

<https://www.npr.org/2017/10/06/556041266/epas-scott-pruitt-vows-to-speed-toxic-superfund-site-cleanup>

PUBLICATIONS

2017

Superfund 2017: Cleanup Accomplishments and the Challenges Ahead, independent issue paper commissioned by ACEC, Washington, DC.

2011

Green Building Operations and Maintenance Manual: a Guide for Public Housing Authorities, project director and co-author, Green Seal and Siemens, Inc., Washington, DC.

2010

"Superfund at 30", with Martha L. Judy, *Journal of Environmental Law*, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT.

2009

The Role of the States in Federal Climate Legislation: Issues and Options, with Sarah Jo Szambelan, RFF Discussion Paper 09-46, RFF, Washington, DC, November.

- 2006** *Combating Global Warming One Car at a Time: CO2 Emissions labels for New Motor Vehicles*, RFF, Washington, DC, March.
- 2005** *Superfund at 25: What Remains to be Done?*, Resources, Washington, DC, Fall.
Estimating the Cost of Institutional Controls, with John Pendergrass, RFF Report, Washington, DC., March.
- 2004** “Redirecting Superfund Dollars, *New Approaches on Energy and the Environment: Policy Advice for the President*, RFF Press, Chapter 14.
Success for Superfund: A New Approach for Keeping Score, with Diane Sherman, RFF Report, Washington, DC, April.
- 2002** “Superfund’s Future,” Article in *Environmental Forum*, March/April, Volume 19, Number 2, pp. 32-41.
- 2001** *Regulating Government*, with J. Clarence Davies, RFF Discussion Paper 01-29, Washington, DC, September.
Superfund’s Future: What Will It Cost? With David Konisky and others, Report to Congress, RFF Press, Washington, DC, July.
- 2000** *Long-Term Stewardship of Contaminated Sites: Trust Funds as Mechanisms for Financing and Oversight*, with Carl Bauer, RFF Discussion Paper, December.
Public and Private Sector Financing of Hazardous Waste Facilities, with Thomas C. Beierle, *City Development Strategies*, First Quarter, No. 2.
Cleaning up the Nuclear Weapons Complex: Does Anybody Care? with Adam I. Lowe, RFF Issue Paper, Washington, DC., January.
- 1999** “Hazardous Waste Management: Lessons from Eight Countries,” with Thomas C. Beierle, *Environment*, Volume 41, Number 9, Washington DC, November.
“The Challenge Ahead,” with Michael McGovern, *FORUM for Applied Research and Public Policy*, Knoxville, TN., Summer.
The Evolution of Hazardous Waste Management Programs: Lessons from Eight Countries, with Thomas C. Beierle, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, June.
- 1998** “Funding Hazardous Waste Cleanups: A Promising Remedy,” with others, *Land Use Policy*, November, Vol. 16, No.1, pp. 44-55, RFF Discussion Paper 98-03.

- Long-Term Stewardship and the Nuclear Weapons Complex – The Challenge Ahead*, with Michael McGovern, RFF Report, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, June.
- 1997** “Reforming Superfund: Who Will Pay?,” *Maryland Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*, 1996-1997, Vol. 8, Issue 1.
- Linking Land Use and Superfund Cleanups: Uncharted Territory*, with Robert Hersh, Kris Wernstedt, and Jan Mazurek, RFF Report, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, June.
- 1996** *Cleaning up the Nuclear Weapons Complex: Exploring New Approaches*, with others, RFF Discussion Paper 96-25, Washington, DC, August.
- 1995** *Footing the Bill for Superfund Cleanups: Who Pays and How?* With others, RFF Press and Brookings Press, Washington, D.C.
- 1993** “Stand Down and Recommit the EPA to the Public”, *Environmental Forum*, September/October.
- 1992** *Assigning Liability for Superfund Cleanups*, with Paul R. Portney, RFF Report, Washington, DC.
- 1991** “The EPA at Thirtysomething” with Paul R. Portney and Adam Finkel, *Environmental Law*, 1991, Vo. 21, No. 4, pp. 1461-1475.
- 1990** *Improving Remedy Selection: An Explicit and Interactive Process for the Superfund Program*, with others, Clean Sites, Inc., October.
- Hazardous Waste Sites and the Rural Poor: A Preliminary Assessment*, Clean Sites, Inc. March.
- 1989** *Making Superfund Work*, with Nancy Newkirk, Clean Sites, Inc. January.
- 1987** *The National Hazardous Waste Land Disposal Restrictions: Better Data, Clearer Policy Needed to Make Them Work*, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Washington, DC, October.
- 1985** *Statutory Deadlines in Environmental Legislation: Necessary But Need Improvement*, with others, Environmental and Energy Study Institute/Environmental Law Institute, Washington, DC, September.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- 2017** Presented testimony regarding ways to improve the Superfund program before the Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, August 1, 2017.

- 2006** Presented testimony on the key Superfund issues needing congressional oversight before the Superfund Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, June 15, 2006.
- 1995** Presented testimony on the implications of eliminating retroactive liability in Superfund and the need for clearer cleanup standards before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 22, 1995.
- 1995** Presented testimony on the implications of eliminating retroactive liability in Superfund before the Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control and Risk Assessment of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, March 10, 1995.
- 1994** Presented testimony on the costs of the Administration's Superfund reform bill and other major Superfund legislative proposals before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials, February 1994.
- 1993** Presented testimony on the strengths and weaknesses of the current Superfund liability scheme and alternative approaches before the Subcommittee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources, of the House Committee on Government Operations, November 1993.
- 1993** Presented testimony on the strengths and weaknesses of the current Superfund program before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials, April 1993.
- 1992** Presented testimony on the financial implications of alternative Superfund financing schemes before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, August 1992.

Note: Many of my publications can be found on the “publications” page of my website www.kateprobstconsulting.com

January 2018