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Dr. Susan M. Natali is the Arctic Program Director and a Senior Scientist at Woodwell Climate Research Center, a non-profit organization based in Falmouth, Massachusetts, that comprises research scientists and policy experts who work with partners worldwide to understand the impacts of and to address climate change on a global scale. Dr. Natali is a highly renowned Arctic ecologist whose focus on permafrost is motivated by an acute awareness of the risks that it poses in the Arctic and globally. She has conducted research in remote regions across the Arctic for more than a decade. Dr. Natali has published more than 75 academic papers, contributed to hundreds of presentations for the public, scientists, and policymakers, including briefings on Capitol Hill. She leads multiple projects, including the recently launched, Permafrost Pathways, which was awarded funding through The Audacious Project.

Permafrost Pathways brings together partners at the Arctic Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School and Alaska Institute for Justice, and is designed to amplify efforts to collect the best data on Arctic carbon emissions, contextualize this information within the global budget, and transform this science into actionable policy. Dr. Natali is leading a team of experienced scientists from Woodwell to help implement the plan for enhanced permafrost measurement sites, permafrost modeling, and is supporting policy and adaptation work with communities that have been most affected by permafrost thaw.