

## 10. List of Preparers

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<b>Name and Affiliation</b>	<b>DEIS Responsibility and Qualifications</b>
<hr/> <b>Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security</b> <hr/>	
Suzanne Steinhauer	Project Manager, Energy Facility Permitting  B.A History  14 years experience in energy regulation and planning, including 10 years in environmental review and permitting for electric transmission, electric generation, and wind energy
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Stephanie Strength	Environmental Protection Specialist/RD, Engineering and Environmental Staff  B.S. Regional Development; Thematic Minor: Ethnography, Environmental Science  10 years experience in NEPA, Section 106, planning and environmental review; including electric transmission, generation and renewable energy projects.
Laura Dean	Federal Preservation Officer & Archeologist/RD, Engineering and Environmental Staff  B.S. Anthropology; Masters, Anthropology; PhD,  Over 20 years experience in environmental review, especially Section 106 for highway projects, hydroelectric projects, gas and oil pipelines, and rural utilities
<hr/> <b>Chippewa National Forest (CNF)</b> <hr/>	
Cristi Corey-Luse	Environmental Coordinator, TEAMS Enterprise  M.S. Environmental Policy  Six years project-level NEPA review
Catherine J. Thompson	Realty Specialist  B.S. Business Administration  12 years federal Realty experience

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**Division of Resource Management, Leech Lake Reservation (LLDRM)**

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Steve Mortensen      Program Director/Fish and Wildlife Biologist

B.S. Biology

A total of 28 years of experience working on fish and wildlife management, monitoring, and habitat improvement. Fish and wildlife research, threatened and endangered Species projects and NEPA review.

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**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

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Kelly Urbanek

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**Environmental Resources Management (ERM)**

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Steve Koster, P.E.      Principal-in-Charge

B.S. Letters and Engineering; B.S. Civil Engineering; M.S. Environmental Engineering

22 years experience in environmental impact assessment, permitting, and impact mitigation and remediation

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Gregory A. Poremba, Ph.D.      Project Manager

B.A. Sociology and English; M.A. Sociology; Ph.D. Sociology

27 years of experience reviewing permit applications and preparing environmental impact statements and assessments for a variety of energy facilities, including electrical transmission lines and natural gas and petroleum pipelines

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Michael Thomas      Water Resources, Wetlands, Floodplains, and Forestry

B.S. Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Geology; M.S. Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Planning; Ph.D. Resource Development; Land and Water Resource Management, Planning, and Economics; Regional Planning; and Environmental Geology

30 years of experience in environmental sciences, impact assessments, and regulatory compliance with utilities, transportation, academic institutions, and government

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Leslie Kirchler      Aesthetics, Land Use, Recreation and Tourism, Agriculture, Mining, Cultural Resources, Socioeconomics, and Environmental Justice

B.A. Archaeology and Anthropology, B.S. City and Regional Planning; M.A. Landscape Archaeology; Ph.D. Landscape Architecture; Ph.D. Urban, Technological, and Environmental Planning

5 years of experience in community development planning, landscape characterizations and interpretative programming, historic preservation planning/Section 106 compliance, and land use and transportation planning

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Heather Heater	Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Safety and Health B.S. Marine Biology; M.S. Environmental Resource Management 10 years of experience in the management and preparation of environmental assessments and permit applications for a variety of energy projects, including wind energy, electric transmission lines, and power plants
Bill Sadlon	Species of Special Concern and Fish and Wildlife B.A. Environmental Biology 6 years of experience in environmental consulting conducting Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements, wetland delineations, Environmental Baseline Surveys, and in environmental permitting
Jacque Payette	Cultural Resources B.A. English; M.A. English; M.A. Anthropology 12 years of experience in analysis and interpretation of federal regulations, including tribal consultation, consultation with state and federal agencies for Section 106 and NEPA compliance
Steve King	Air Quality and Climate B.S. Meteorology 16 years of experience as a technical specialist in air quality and air modeling issues, including 14 years at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Meghan Sweeney	Community Services and Utility Systems B.S. Chemical Engineering; M.S. Technology and Policy 3.5 years of experience in environmental consulting conduction environmental, health, and safety compliance audits
Benjamin Sussman	Traffic and Transportation B.S. Science, Technology, and Society; M.S. City and Regional Planning 9 years of experience in local and regional comprehensive planning, water resources planning, transportation planning, and urban design
Mike Belke	Geology and Soils B.S. Geology; M.S. Hydrogeology 2 years of experience as a consultant in site investigation and remediation
Bob Keen	GIS Introduction to ArcGIS-I; ArcGIS-II and Cartographic Design for ArcGIS 30 years of experience in project design and construction management. Experience includes customization of CAD installations and implementation of CAD standards; GIS applications for facilities and environmental projects; and 3-D imaging and graphics rendering; and processing of electronic survey data

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Shannon Long

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B.A. Geography and Planning; M.S. GIS

9 years of experience in environmental data management and GIS analysis

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