

**Environmental Challenges in 2020: COVID,
Climate, and Conference Wrap-up**
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Jeff Fusee has worked at Fishbeck in Grand Rapids, Michigan since 2008, starting as an Industrial Hygiene Technician working his way up to the Senior Industrial Hygienist/Industrial Hygiene Department Head. He works on a wide variety of projects including industrial hygiene, hazardous materials including asbestos and lead, health and safety program auditing and training, and indoor air quality. Prior to working at Fishbeck he worked as a safety coordinator at a machinery manufacturing facility. Jeff earned his BS in Environmental Health and Safety Management from Ferris State University. He has been a Certified Industrial Hygienist since 2016 and a Certified Safety Professional since 2018.

Ted Perron is a professional mechanical engineer with 15 years of experience in HVAC design, energy work, and building assessments. Systems designed or commissioned by Ted include those for laboratory, industrial, education, and office facilities. His technical responsibilities have included in-depth analysis and design of mechanical systems, with particular emphasis on advanced HVAC and control systems; commissioning; HVAC testing, adjusting, and balancing; energy modeling and life-cycle cost analyses; and building information modeling. Ted is a leader in energy management at Fishbeck and an expert in retro-commissioning.

Peter Ruddell is an accomplished attorney and government relations advisor with more than two decades of experience around state government, public policy, and elections. He is widely recognized for his experience in representing clients with their health, insurance, education, and budget issues. Among his many legislative accomplishments, he is highly regarded for his work in passing the Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-free Air Law, which made all Michigan restaurants, bars, and work sites smoke-free. He is sought after for his advice and guidance on complicated regulatory and legislative issues. The Speaker of the House appointed Peter as his representative to the 21st Century Education Commission.

Jim Roush is the Director of Environmental Regulation and Strategy at Consumers Energy Company, an electric and natural gas utility. In this role, he oversees their Air Quality group and Land and Water Management group. These groups help the Consumers Energy Company maintain compliance with major federal and state laws like the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, among others. In addition to leading these groups, Jim focuses his time on climate change and greenhouse gas policy at the federal and state level. Jim holds degrees from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. Prior to his current role, he practiced federal energy law before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for six years as part of Consumers Energy's Legal Department. Before then, he practiced environmental and commercial litigation at the Bodman law firm for three years in Detroit and Ann Arbor. A lifelong Michigander, Jim lives in the Ann Arbor area with his wife and daughter.

Maeve Tropf leads Steelcase's Energy, Climate Change and Renewables team. Over the past year, Maeve led the team responsible for the recently announced Steelcase corporate carbon strategy which includes becoming operationally carbon neutral, setting science-based targets aligned to the most ambitious temperature goal of the Paris Agreement mandate and committing to become carbon negative by 2030. The Energy, Climate & Renewables team is responsible for energy and greenhouse gas emissions tracking and reporting for 150+ global facilities; voluntary reporting of greenhouse gas emissions; and legislative engagement at the local, state, and federal levels on energy and climate. Maeve is responsible for negotiating energy contracts in restructured markets in the contiguous US for the company's commercial and industrial sites.

Gabe Wing is responsible for leading Herman Miller's sustainability and product stewardship efforts, including product design, environmental footprint reduction, and compliance. He's played an important role in developing environmental policies since joining the company in 2001. Among his contributions is the integration of sustainable design principles into the company's innovation process. Mr. Wing works with key suppliers to support the development of products that maximize positive contributions to people and the planet. In addition, he leads CEU-accredited training sessions, based on the principles of sustainable product design. Mr. Wing received a B.S. from the University of Michigan and an M.S. from Michigan State University, both degrees in chemical engineering. From 2002 to 2010, Mr. Wing was a member of the U.S. Green Building Council's Materials and Resources Technical Advisory Group. He was appointed to Michigan's Green Chemistry Roundtable in 2008.