

MEET THE SPEAKERS

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Rachel Kloos

Water/Wastewater Practice
Group Leader
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Introduction

As water and wastewater practice group leader for ISG, Rachel develops solutions that support a sustainable, cost-effective future for industries, specifically focusing on dairy, food, pulp, and paper. She assists public and private clients with water and wastewater compliance and optimizes operations, steam, and cooling to reduce water usage.

Passionate about creating sustainable environments and healthy communities, she holds degrees in environmental engineering and chemistry. Rachel resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with her husband and two daughters.

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Tom Atkinson

Senior Water Solutions Specialist
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Compliance 101

Tom has 20 years of experience in wastewater operations, training, and industrial pretreatment. While at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for 17 years, he held several roles, including the state's industrial pretreatment coordinator, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit writer, and water and wastewater facility compliance inspector.

In his current role at ISG, Tom leads the water and wastewater operations team, provides water and wastewater training, and assists clients and facility staff with compliance and technical assistance.

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Taylor Schoenfelder

Process Engineer
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Inhibition Management + Measurement

Taylor has ten years of process and operations experience, specifically in the natural gas, ethanol, and wastewater industries. With a focus on process and equipment design, he contributes to operations, design, project management, commissioning, and start-up activities. Taylor has a degree in chemical engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

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Caroline Franciskato

Graduate Engineer

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Sludge Dewatering

Caroline is a Graduate Water/Wastewater Engineer who supports projects across the Midwest, specializing in the food and industrial markets. She focuses on designing and optimizing wastewater treatment system processes tailored to each facility's specific requirements. Her work includes process modeling, equipment selection, and system layout to ensure efficient and effective treatment solutions. She holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from Iowa State University and brings a strong technical foundation and problem-solving mindset to every project.

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Robert Huber

Technical Applications Chemist

Anderson Chemical Company

Chemicals in Wastewater

Robert Huber is a Technical Applications Chemist at Anderson Chemical Company, bringing six years of expertise to the role. Starting as an R&D Chemist, Robert has developed a deep understanding of water treatment systems, including boiler systems, cooling systems, reverse osmosis systems, and wastewater systems. His extensive background enables him to offer effective and technically robust solutions tailored for a range of industrial applications.

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Adriaan van der Beek

President

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Adriaan has spent the majority of his career immersed in industrial wastewater treatment, gaining hands-on experience in a variety of roles in multiple countries. Since relocating to the United States in 2000, he has continued to build his expertise in the design, optimization, and management of complex treatment systems. His global perspective and technical background have contributed to innovative solutions for clients in diverse industrial sectors. Adriaan holds a degree in Physics Engineering from Enschede in the Netherlands, as well as an MBA, combining strong analytical skills with strategic business insight.

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Charlie Frost

Regional Sales Manager
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Charlie brings 25 years of experience in technical business development, specializing in process control, industrial wastewater, oil and gas, energy, and pulp and paper. He has a strong track record of delivering solutions that improve system performance and meet complex operational needs. With an understanding of both technology and client priorities, Charlie helps bridge the gap between engineering and execution. His industry knowledge and strategic approach make him a trusted partner in process-driven environments.

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Brent Schultz

Regional Sales Manager
Triplepoint Environmental
Lagoon Treatment

Brent began his career in the water and wastewater industry immediately after graduating from Virginia Tech in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering. As District Manager for the North Central Territory at Kaeser Compressors, he gained valuable experience in blower technologies, controls, and a wide range of wastewater solutions. In 2025, Brent joined Triplepoint Environmental as the Regional Sales Manager for the Central U.S. market, where he combines his process knowledge and technical expertise in aeration equipment to deliver targeted, effective solutions. His hands-on experience and customer-focused approach make him a strong resource for optimizing wastewater treatment systems.

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Jake Charron

Service Department Manager
Staab Construction
Operations + Troubleshooting

With over 12 years of hands-on experience as a wastewater operator, Jake brings a practical and well-rounded perspective to his role as Service Department Manager at Staab Construction. His background spans both operations and leadership within the water and wastewater industry, with a strong focus on water quality and sustainability. Jake holds a bachelor's degree in Soil and Waste Management from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point and is a state-certified Advanced Wastewater Operator in Wisconsin. He also serves as Vice Chair of the WWOA North Central Region Steering Committee.

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Jason Betancur

Director of Business Development
Staab Construction
Operations + Troubleshooting

Jason has been in the construction industry since 2005, bringing extensive experience in water and wastewater. As Director of Business Development for Staab Construction, he leads private project acquisition efforts, emphasizing strong client relationships and innovative, effective wastewater solutions. He oversees all phases of project development, from preliminary planning and budgeting to value engineering, team coordination, and final closeout, ensuring projects are executed efficiently, responsibly, and deliver lasting value. Jason holds an MBA and a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from the University of Wisconsin–Stout.

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Joel Cook

Senior Technical Manager
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Chemicals In Wastewater

Joel Cook is the Senior Technical Manager at Hydrite Chemical Co., bringing 40 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry, as well as food sanitation and manufacturing. He provides chemical solutions across the food and industrial wastewater markets throughout the U.S., supporting Hydrite's food group with expertise in formulations, training, equipment, microbiology, membranes, and troubleshooting applications. Prior to Hydrite, Joel held leadership roles including Vice President of Manufacturing at Trega Foods now Agropur; and Technical Director at Saputo Waupun, formerly Alto Dairy. He holds degrees in Water Chemistry with an emphasis on Wastewater from UW-Stevens Point and an MBA from Cardinal Stritch University.

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Shaun Hooth

Regional Sales Manager
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With a diverse background in automotive, heavy equipment, and construction industries, Shaun brings a unique perspective to the food manufacturing sector. Over the past 22 years, he has developed extensive expertise in cheese and whey production, gaining a deep understanding of the complex processes involved. Additionally, Shaun has 13 years of dedicated experience in food sanitation at Hydrite Chemical Co., where he applies technical knowledge to ensure effective cleaning and sanitation solutions tailored to the food industry's stringent standards. This blend of industrial and food manufacturing experience enables Shaun to provide practical, efficient solutions that meet both operational and regulatory needs.

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