



Brian Holtzclaw
Environmental Protection Agency

Brian Holtzclaw serves as the manager of the U.S. Environmental Justice and Children's Health Section (EPA's Office of the Regional Administrator of Region 4 in Atlanta, GA). He brings experience from the industrial sector, as well as federal/state government environmental agencies. Brian's been directly working in communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns over the past 30 years. Over time, he's served in a variety of roles to address disadvantaged, vulnerable areas facing: natural disasters; a host of air, water, land environmental and public health challenges; and Superfund, RCRA and Brownfields sites needing revitalization. Brian leads a [current team of 6 staff](#) dedicated to serving EJ and children's environmental health issues in vulnerable, under-served and disadvantaged communities.



Balu Gokaraju
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Dr. Balu Gokaraju is an associate professor of Engineering, at North Carolina A&T State University. He is currently leading STEPs4GROWTH comprehensive clean energy workforce development project, truly a national model, with an investment of \$23.7 Million sponsored by USDOC-Economic Development Administration through Good Jobs Challenge program. He teaches and develops AI and Digital Twins research technology for Autonomous Vehicles, Clean Energy Sectors and Advanced Manufacturing.



Jeff Petrusa
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Jeffrey Petrusa is a Senior Economist who specializes in the development and application of economic models to analyze the impacts of environmental, energy, waste transportation and agriculture policies on the energy, waste, agriculture, transportation and the economic impacts of greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation technologies on projected GHG emissions.

Mr. Petrusa recently completed an Impact Analysis of Alternative Transportation Policy in North Carolina, a research project sponsored by the Environmental Defense Fund. In addition to his transportation modeling work, Mr. Petrusa develops bottom-up economic models for the Global Non-CO₂ Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections & Mitigation project under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Change Division. Mr. Petrusa is an expert at developing greenhouse gas marginal abatement cost curves and techno-economic models for renewable energy and greenhouse gas mitigation technologies. He also provides energy and transportation system modeling and analysis.