



**Environmental Health: Is There Justice for All?  
...in the water we use  
AGENDA**

Registration and Breakfast	7:45am
Welcome Kathy Norlien	8:00am
Moderator Remarks Jean Streatar	8:05am
Introduction of Panelists Jean Streatar	8:10am
Opening Commentary Lucia Levers Ceil Strauss Virginia Yingling	8:15am
Panelist Discussion	8:30am
Table Discussion	8:45am
Discussion Table Questions	9:00am
Summary Remarks Jean Streatar	9:20am
Closing Remarks Kathy Norlien	9:25am

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## Panelist and Moderator information



**Lucia Levers**, a research associate, is an environmental scientist and economist at the Water Resources Center. With a PhD and Master's degree in Environmental Sciences from University of California, Riverside and a Bachelor's degree in Human Biology from Stanford University, she incorporates natural resource, ecological, and environmental economics into interdisciplinary research projects. Currently, she is working on nitrogen pollution through cover crop and perennial crop modelling and subsidy analysis, environmental water transfers for the Salton Sea, perennial groundwater use, drinking water contaminant risk assessments, and aquatic invasive species management and valuation.



**Ceil Strauss** is the Minnesota State Floodplain Manager. Ceil has been in the Floodplain Program at CFM, Minnesota DNR since 2002, and worked with the Minnesota DNR an additional 14 years, mainly as an Area (or Field) Hydrologist in the western Twin Cities area. She is past Chair of the national Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM).

Before coming to DNR, Ceil spent over three years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya (East Africa) working with farmers on building ponds and raising tilapia. She has a BA in Biology from Lawrence University (Wisconsin) and an MS in Water Resources Management from the University of Michigan.



**Virginia Yingling** is a senior hydrogeologist in the Environmental Health Division of the Minnesota Department of Health. She works with a team of Health Risk Assessors to evaluate human exposures to harmful chemicals in drinking water related to man-made contaminated sites. Since 2003, she has been the agency's lead investigator of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (or PFAS).

Ginny holds a B.S. from Penn State, and a M.S. from the University of Wyoming, both in geology. She has over 25 years of experience working on contaminated sites - first as an environmental consultant, then at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and since 2000, at the Department of Health.

From 2017-2020, she co-chaired the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council's PFAS Team that developed an in-depth report on the current state of PFAS science and related factsheets, online training modules, workshops, and a risk communication toolkit



**Jean Streetar** is retired from Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment where she worked as a health educator and public health program manager for 19.5 years. She holds an undergraduate degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato (MSU-M) in Physical Education, Art, and Health Education along with a Coaching Certificate. Her graduate degree in Community Health is also from MSU-M.

Ms. Streetar followed her first career path teaching and coaching in Faribault, Nicollet, and Mankato, MN. She then earned a graduate degree and pursued a chemical dependency counseling certificate. This led to opportunities at MSU-M, St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato, Todd County Public Health, St. Cloud-Catholic Charities and finally Washington County. She has been a Certified Health Education Specialist since 2003; a member of the MN Public Health Association Policy Forum Committee since 2013; board secretary for MN Society of Public Health Education since 2019; and recently was accepted as a Hennepin Co. Medical Reserve Corp volunteer.