

*Trudie Bell is a highly experienced scientist with over of 25 years as a technical professional, most of it in the environmental resource protection field. Her greatest expertise is with all aspects of environmental permitting, including federal, state and local regulations, and with collection and compilation of the complex data which support regulatory decisions. She has seen all sides of regulatory issues, as a long-time regulator with Florida's Department of Environmental Protection and for the past decade as a consultant to industry, government, and private land owners.*

*Ms. Bell applies her vast land use and regulatory experience to bring her clients, in both the private and public sectors, a comprehensive knowledge of the environmental regulatory process and keen insights to navigating that process in an efficient and effective manner. Her excellent communication and coordination skills allow her to assist public agencies with their most sensitive and complex programs, including establishing new environmental regulatory or educational programs and refining existing processes to improve public service and conservation effectiveness.*

### **Education**

**Bachelor of Science**, Montana State University, Zoology. Received a Montana University System Honor Scholarship and a Montana State University Scholarship.

**Certified Inspector**, Florida Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

### **Professional Experience**

Environmental Consultant - Provides a wide variety of environmental consulting services throughout Florida and the Gulf Coast region. Services include performing NPDES stormwater inspections for construction and industrial projects, setting Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wetland jurisdictional lines, performing Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, assessing and identifying natural habitat and preparing natural feature inventories and maps for private clients and state agencies, preparing Joint Wetland Resource Permitting and Environmental Resource Permitting applications, designing mitigation plans, interfacing with regulatory agencies regarding permitting applications, advising clients regarding potential uses of land parcels, and applying for various DEP State Lands instruments, including disclaimers, use agreements, easements and consents of use. Additional responsibilities include plant identification, production of plant and animal species lists, Threatened and Endangered Species surveys, data entry and manipulation, report writing and generation, photography, land use area mapping, and water quality sampling and report generation.

Environmental Specialist - Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Reviewing and made technical recommendations for all applications for certification under the Siting Acts in the State of Florida, which currently exist for power plants, transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, hazardous waste facilities and certain industrial complexes. Coordinated streamlined reviews of projects with Federal, state and local government officials, provided public information on siting regulatory processes, testified in certification hearings, and assisting in rule-making on topics related to the Siting Acts and regulated industries.

Environmental Supervisor - Florida Department of Environmental Regulation - Supervised an environmental review section responsible for reviewing and approving Wetland Resource Permit applications from the southern region of the state. Additional responsibilities included the review of all transmission line and power plant siting applications, training and direction of new employees, review and evaluation of staff technical recommendations, and coordination with other state agencies, Federal agencies, local interests and other divisions of the Department of Environmental Regulation. Received a Team Performance Award for outstanding work as a supervisor.

Environmental Specialist - Florida Department of Environmental Regulation - Reviewed Wetland Resource Permit applications and made technical recommendations for issuance or denial to Department Secretary. Assisted applicants with project modifications to achieve compliance with applicable regulations. Coordinated with local, Federal and other state agencies; conducted field inspections of proposed project sites; and provided expert testimony at administrative hearings. Coordinated drafting of Mitigation Rule for offsetting wetland impacts and public workshops as part of the rule adoption process.

Quality Control Lead Technician - Olin Chemical Corporation - Directed quality control operations for a major industrial testing laboratory. Developed new analytical methods to meet changing R & D requirements, trained new technicians, and performed bench and modern instrumental chemistry. Operational expertise in H.P.L.C., G.C., F.T.I.R., A.A., and other analytical chemistry procedures, as well as statistical analysis of analytical data.

Biological Technician - United States Department of Agriculture - Supervised field technicians collecting entomological specimens and performing population distribution research, cartographic surveys, and photographic documentation.

**Recent Projects**

NPDES Inspections - Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Statewide - Project Manager for on-going contract to perform inspections of industrial activities and construction sites regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and support FDEP compliance and enforcement efforts.

NPDES Phase 2 Notice of Intent (NOI) and Annual Report (AR) Support - Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Statewide - Providing technical expertise and process improvement advice, as well as review and database management services regarding NOI's and AR's received by the Department.

Blueprint 2000 and Beyond - Leon County, Florida - Providing comprehensive environmental support to a \$700 million local initiative to improve transportation infrastructure and enhance environmental quality. Services include sensitive lands identification, assessment, mapping, and acquisition, conservation easement planning and negotiation, public education, Project Development and Environment (PD&E) studies, environmental permitting, cost analysis, and other environmental technical support.