Meet the Team

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Administration

Cary Giguere

**Director**

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David Huber

**Deputy Director**

Location: Montpelier

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Dave is the PHARM Division Deputy Director. Dave joined the Agency in 2016 as the Chief Policy Enforcement Officer, overseeing the administrative enforcement efforts for the Water Quality and PHARM Divisions. Dave holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and a Masters of Studies in Environmental Law and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School. Dave currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project. When not working, Dave enjoys spending time with his family, flyfishing, and hiking mountains.

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Apiary Program

Brooke Decker

**Pollinator Health Specialist/State Apiculturist**

Location: Field

Phone: (802) 272-6688
Brooke serves as the Agency’s Pollinator Health Specialist and State Apiculturist. In this role, she manages the Apiary Program and provides pollinator health education and outreach to beekeepers and the public. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Science from Antioch College and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University. When not working with bees, she enjoys swimming, hiking, and biking.

### Plant Health and Pest Management

**Stephanie Smith**

**Assistant Director**

**Location:** Montpelier

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### Patti Casey

**Environmental Surveillance Program Director**

**Location:** Montpelier

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Patti is the Environmental Surveillance Program Director at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. She oversees the state-wide Vector Surveillance Program, which monitors the presence of vector-borne diseases in mosquitoes and ticks, and the Pesticide Monitoring Program, which monitors private drinking water supplies and surface waters on and around agricultural use areas for potential agricultural impacts. She studied Wildlife Biology at the University of Vermont and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She grew up in Addison County and has been with the Agency of Agriculture since 2013.
Emilie Inoue

**Plant Health Supervisor**

Location: Williston

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Eliza Doncaster

**Vector Management Coordinator**

Location: Randolph VAEL Lab

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Eliza Doncaster (she/her) grew up in Vermont’s beautiful Northeast Kingdom and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Northern Vermont University-Johnson in 2015. She started with the Agency as a seasonal field technician in the Vector Surveillance Program in 2015 and took on the full-time role of Vector Management Coordinator in 2017. Eliza coordinates the Agency’s state-wide mosquito and tick surveillance programs, where mosquitoes and ticks are collected and identified to species for later pathogen testing at collaborating state and national institutions. In addition to coordinating these surveys and overseeing seasonal field and laboratory staff, Eliza coordinates the Passive Tick Surveillance Program, assisting members of the public with tick species identification. In her free time, Eliza enjoys gardening, reading, and spending time with her family and pets.

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Judy Rosovosky

**State Entomologist**

Location: Randolph Lab VAEL

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Judy is the state Entomologist for VAAFM and as such identifies pests, answers questions, and educates the public on insects such as bed bugs, invasive species, and other pests. Other duties include enforcement of plant and insect-related regulations, acting as a liaison between relevant organizations, and maintaining VAAFM’s insect collection. Prior to working for the state, Judy split her time between the Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Cooperative (FEMC) and the USDA’s APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program, which is a regulatory arm of the USDA that works closely with states on invasive insect detection and control. The FEMC works with research biologists on a variety of forest health projects. Judy has taught both sociology and environmental science classes as an adjunct instructor, primarily at Johnson State College and at CCV and Saint Michael’s. Judy has an M.S. from UVM in Plant and Soil Science, specializing in entomology, and did her thesis work on spongy moth management.
# Pesticide Programs

## Morgan Griffith

**Agrichemical Research/Policy Specialist**

Location: Montpelier  
(802) 279-9395

Morgan joined the agency in 2021. She earned a master’s degree in plant and soil science from the University of Vermont while working at the UVM apple orchard and vineyard. She worked for 10 years as a Food Scientist before coming back to agriculture and is now part of the team responsible for pesticide regulatory, permitting, and monitoring programs, and designing research projects to help guide technical criteria and policies. She enjoys cooking, running, playing field hockey, and going on adventures with her husband, two daughters, and their chocolate lab.

## Kanika Gandhi

**Agrichemical Program Director**

Location: Montpelier  
(802) 461-5040

## Matthew Wood

**Agrichemical Resource Management Specialist IV**

Location: Field  
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Matt studied Wildlife Biology and Forestry at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the late 1980s before getting a job at a USDA laboratory on Cape Cod researching Spongy Moths and Mediterranean fruit flies. Matt then moved to Vermont in 1996 to attend the University of Vermont under a master’s program researching biological controls of downy mildew on hops. He was also the assistant manager of the greenhouse at UVM, and later managed outdoor perennial and greenhouse bedding plant production at a Vermont Nursery. In 2005 Matt joined the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets as the pesticide certification & training coordinator. Later he became an inspector that conducts routine sampling and inspections and responds to complaints concerning pesticides, feeds, seeds, and fertilizers within his territory in north-western Vermont. Matt also operates the state-wide golf course permit program.
### Bethany Creaser

**Agrichemical Resource Management Specialist IV**

**Location:** Field  
**(802) 793-1628**

Bethany started with the VT Agency of Agriculture’s PHARM (formerly known as Plant Industry) Division in January 2002 as a Plant Industry Field Agent. She joined the team with a background in horticulture and was assigned to work in the northeastern part of the state, a place where she was born and raised. She continues to live and work in this region as one of PHARM’s Agricultural Resource Management Specialists, or informally known as a pesticide field agent.

### Douglas Johnstone

**Agrichemical Resource Management Specialist IV**

**Location:** Field  
**(802) 793-2547**

Doug graduated from Delaware Valley College of Science & Agriculture in 1986 with a BS in Animal Husbandry. Doug worked primarily in the purebred seedstock beef industry, but also dairy, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, small farm management, horse boarding, field crops, and vegetable and berry production until hiring on with VAAFM in 1994. “You’ll attract more flies with honey than you will with vinegar!”

### Clark Parmelee

**Agrichemical Resource Management Specialist II**

**Location:** Field  
**(802) 661-8284**

Clark resides in Randolph Center, Vermont on his family’s diversified farm. He has an associate degree in Dairy Farm Management and a bachelor’s degree in Diversified Agriculture from Vermont Technical College. He has worked for the Agency of Agriculture since 2016.
Anne Macmillan

**Pesticide Certification and Training Coordinator**

Location: Montpelier  
(802) 461-6118

Annie has been with the Agency since 1996, working in the Pesticide Division as an Agrichemical Toxicologist, Certification and Training Coordinator, and Ag Plastics problem solver. Prior to her work at VAAFM Annie was an environmental consultant performing quantitative risk assessments. While not working, Annie spends as much time as possible out of doors, biking, hiking, skiing, and running with her four-legged friends. She also loves to garden, dig clams, sail, and swim in salt and fresh water. Annie has been a Volunteer with the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service since 2010.

Lisa Fantelli

**Agricultural Resource Management Specialist II**

Location: Montpelier  
(802) 828-5050

Lisa joined the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets in 2014. She is a Feed, Seed, Fertilizer, and Lime Specialist. In 2021, Lisa’s job duties expanded to include feed supplements, dosage form animal health products, plant amendments, plant biostimulants, and soil amendments. Working with registrants, she makes sure products are registered and labels are compliant with the guidelines set in statute along with national requirements. Additionally, she supports the seed program and produces the annual feed and fertilizer reports which include data on sample status and fertilizer tonnage reporting.

Hemp Program

Michael DiTomasso

**Agricultural Resource Specialist II**

Location: Montpelier  
(802) 505-3726

Mike is the Hemp Program Inspector with PHARM. In addition to inspections, Mike handles the hemp registration process, aids in program development, and serves as a point of contact for technical assistance related to the program. Mike’s background is in agricultural production, education, and food safety, having served the agricultural community in various capacities. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science, natural resources, from Johnson State College.
Enforcement Program

Wendy Houston-Anderson

**Enforcement Coordinator**

Location: Montpelier

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Wendy, an Enforcement Coordinator with the Administration Division, has been with the Agency for over 21 years. She served for 5 years as the Pesticide Certification and Training Coordinator then transitioned to performing enforcement-related duties for the Water Quality and Pesticide regulatory programs.

Jenn LaValley

**Enforcement Coordinator**

Location: Montpelier

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Jenn, an Enforcement Coordinator with the Administration Division, has been with the Agency for over 10 years.

Zach Szczukowski

**Enforcement Intern/Plant Health Specialist**

Location: Montpelier

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Zach studied Environmental and Natural Resource Management at Clemson University where he took on a distinct interest in the legal aspects of resource management. Pursuing that interest, Zach attended Vermont Law School where he received his master’s in environmental law and policy and, Juris Doctorate degrees. Since finishing his Academic pursuits, Zach has worked in both the private and public sectors on various environmental policy issues. In January of 2021, Zach joined the Agency as an Enforcement Intern taking on a special role in the rulemaking processes. Since beginning with the Agency, Zach has expanded his roles in various capacities including his work aiding the Plant Industry Section in surveys and inspections.