

# Rhonda Bitterli

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## Project Manager | Senior Analyst

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Accomplished project manager/senior analyst providing insightful leadership on complex projects in support of governmental agencies and nongovernmental customers. Strategic thinker who brings a thorough understanding of the big picture into the development and implementation of straightforward, common-sense strategies for achieving the program's mission. Results-driven professional known for innovative approaches to problem-solving. Exceptionally skilled at critical thinking, data analysis, and oral and written communications.

- Project Management
- Strategic Planning
- Research / Analysis
- Problem-Solving
- Communications
- Outreach

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## High-Level Summary of Education and Relevant Environmental/Scientific Experience

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- Earned M.S. degree in Soil and Water Science, with a B.A. degree in English literature and a minor in computer science/mathematics
- Participated in a Congressionally requested study of municipal solid waste and contributed to the report that was developed. ~ *Congressional Office of Technology Assessment*
- Worked on revisions to the Hazard Ranking System (HRS), the model the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses to assess hazardous waste sites and determine which ones are added to the National Priorities List. ~ *NUS Corporation*
- Prepared a response to public comments for EPA that was held up as a model for other contractors to follow in developing their own responses; responses were to public comments on EPA's Hazard Ranking System (HRS). ~ *NUS Corporation*
- Led the development of guidance for operators of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) fuel storage tanks used in emergencies; this involved researching complex laws and regulations and distilling massive amounts of information into manageable guidance for use by nontechnical persons. ~ *SE Solutions*
- Worked with leading Green Chemistry scientists and facilitated their writing or editing of books for publication by the American Chemical Society. ~ *American Chemical Society*
- Performed substantive review/editing of National Academy of Sciences publications (mostly for the Water Science and Technology Board). Contributions are acknowledged in the publications. Topics included assessing the TMDL [Total Maximum Daily Load] approach to water quality management, investigating groundwater systems on regional and national scales, environmental cleanup at Navy facilities, Everglades restoration, recovery of river ecosystems, predictability in hydrologic systems, privatization of water services in the United States, and envisioning the agenda for water resources research in the 21st century. ~ *Freelance Work (5/1999–6/2004)*
- Edited International Joint Commission reports on Great Lakes water-quality issues involving the United States and Canada. Reports were for the U.S. Secretary of State and her counterpart in Canada and required exceptional attention to detail. ~ *Freelance Work (1999–2003, 2008)*
- Volunteered in the *Dig It! The Secret of Soils* exhibit of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History, interacting with visitors from all over the world to enhance their understanding and appreciation of soils and the role soils play in everyday life (7/2008–1/2010)

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## Employment History

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Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) (Vienna, Virginia), Management Consultant – 6/2017–4/2021  
Mindbank Consulting Group (Reston, Virginia), Management Consultant, 3/2015–3/2016  
SE Solutions (Washington, D.C.), Project Manager, 2/2012–5/2012, 9/2012–2/2014  
Kadix Systems (Washington, D.C., Policy and Planning Lead, 11/2009–11/2010

TKC Communications (Washington, D.C.), Senior Business Analyst, 8/2008–10/2009  
SAIC (Washington, D.C.), Project Manager / Policy Manager / Senior Analyst, 7/1996–8/2008  
Walcoff & Associates (Alexandria, Virginia), Senior Analyst, 12/1995–2/1996  
American Chemical Society (Washington, D.C.), Acquisitions Editor, 2/1992–7/1995  
NUS Corporation (Arlington, Virginia), Senior Scientist, 12/1988–6/1991  
Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (Washington, D.C.), Research Assistant, 4/1988–9/1988  
International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (Ibadan, Nigeria), Writer/Editor, 10/1985–9/1987  
University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station (Fayetteville, Arkansas), Research Associate, 5/1982–9/1985

### **Education and Certifications**

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- M.S. degree in Soil and Water Science, GPA 3.9, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. In completing the degree, earned the equivalent of a B.S. in chemistry.
- B.A. degree in Liberal Arts (with High Distinction), GPA 3.9, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona  
Major: English; minor: computer science/mathematics.
- Project Management Professional (PMP) certification (2010–2022).