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Prior to her appointment at EPA, Dr. Grifo was Senior Scientist, Science Policy Fellow, and Director of the Scientific Integrity Program for the Union of Concerned Scientists. Previously she served as the Director of the Science Teachers Environmental Education Program and Graduate Policy Workshop at Columbia University, and as the Director of the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History. Her government experience includes work as a Program Manager of the International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups (ICBG) for the National Institutes of Health as well as service as an American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science and Diplomacy Fellow (AAAS) for USAID's Office of Research.

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