

**TRI for Pollution Prevention in Industry**  
**Wednesday, 2:15-3:15 p.m.**  
**Atrium Ballroom**

**Kara Koehn, Moderator**

Kara Koehn works for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington DC. While pursuing her interests in public health and the environment, she earned a BS in Biology at Davidson College and a Masters in environmental health and toxicology at Duke University. At EPA, Kara works as a toxicologist and data analyst for the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). Specifically, she assesses the hazard of chemicals for the TRI Program, analyzes TRI data for the public and the media, communicates risk information, helps work toward environmental justice, and facilitates university student engagement with EPA.

**Sandra Gaona, Presenter**

Sandra D. Gaona directs the Pollution Prevention Activities within US EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program. She has five years of experience with the TRI Program on data analysis, tool development, promotion of pollution prevention, and policy development. In addition, at the Agency she has previously worked on environmental indicators for EPA's Report on the Environment and the US-Mexico border program. She has also worked on local and international sustainable development issues at New Mexico's Air Quality Bureau and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Paraguay. Sandra holds a BA degree in International Business from the University of Scranton and a MS degree in Environmental and Energy Management from George Washington University.

**Thomas Vinson, Presenter**

**Elizabeth Shepard, Presenter**

Liz is trained as an energy rater, water policy analyst, LEED Green Associate, and facilitator. After graduating with honors and distinction at Carleton College, Elizabeth was hired by her college as an Environmental Studies Associate to serve as the school's sustainability coordinator, where she also built connections to the city of New Orleans. Originally from the Gulf Coast, Elizabeth moved to Louisiana to teach Earth Science and worked in the environmental non-profit field for nearly 3 years. Daughter of two independent business owners and as a previous steering committee member of Social Entrepreneurs for New Orleans (now Propeller), Elizabeth is passionate about making business sustainable. She leads the Green Chamber of Commerce Green

Committee and serves on event committees for greening the Superbowl, NCAA events, and other special conferences like the USGBC Green Build Conference. She serves as Chair of the Caring for Creation Committee at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church and is an active community member. Recently, Elizabeth was chosen as one of the top 50 Business Women of the Year by CityBuisness, a local New Orleans newspaper.