

Biographical Sketch

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As Founder of The Environmental Quality Organization LLC (EQO), Chris Laszcz-Davis has over thirty years of executive management, professional, technical and consulting experience in environmental affairs, occupational health and safety, operational integrity, risk management, product stewardship and corporate acquisitions/divestitures in both industry and government. EQO today delivers a broad variety of consulting, technical litigation and expert witnessing skills and solutions to small, medium and large organizations.

A former Corporate Vice-President, Environmental Affairs, Health, Safety & Operational Integrity for Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, Chris helped lead the company initiatives to reshape its EH&S culture, expand its global EH&S horizons to address the full life cycle of its organization's aluminum and chemical operations, and integrate its EH&S workings into the fabric of the line organization.

Chris is a National AIHA Fellow and recipient of AIHA's Kusnetz Award. As Past President of the American Academy of Industrial Hygiene, Chris was instrumental in sponsoring the profession's first Professional Conference on Industrial Hygiene (PCIH) on Risk Assessment in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada back in the early 1990's. Within the aluminum industry, Chris championed the integration of environmental, health and safety systems, eventually resulting in the industry's first integrated EHS risk management conference.

Over the years, she has served in a number of professional leadership roles-- as a Board member, National American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA); Director, American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH); U.S. Department of Commerce appointed member, Board of Examiners, Malcolm National Quality Award; and President, Northern California-AIHA Local Section. She is presently a Trustee, American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF); Appointee to both the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Director, California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC), a state wide legislative advocacy group; and President, Yuma Pacific Southwest Local Section.

Chris lectures frequently, has authored numerous articles and chapters (with a recent effort to result in PATTY's first chapter on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery) and continues to bring cutting edge subjects (such as climate change, sustainability and renewable energy alternatives) into the EH&S dialogue. Chris's career demonstrates a forward approach in taking on challenges atypical of traditional industrial hygiene career paths, but supportive of weaving one organizational EH&S—line organization fabric, with one process to integrate, streamline and eventually upgrade an organization's management systems.

