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Education

2009 Ph.D. in Environmental and Occupational Health

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Rutgers University - School of Public Health, Piscataway, NJ

2004 M.P.H. in Environmental and Occupational Health

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Rutgers University - School of Public Health, Piscataway, NJ

1979 B.S. in Geoscience

Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ

Work Experience - Synopsis

Dr. Spayd has extensive experience in environmental protection, drinking water quality, public health, and hydrogeology. He has been a research scientist, hydrogeologist, water treatment expert, educator, and manager.

- Designed, evaluated, and managed numerous ground-water pollution investigations and cleanups including sites with volatile organics, petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, pesticides, nitrates, bacteria, base neutrals, road salt, and radionuclides.
- Analyzed aquifer tests, delineated well head protection areas and investigated numerous contaminated well fields, including identification of natural (arsenic, radionuclides, manganese, boron, and lithium) and anthropogenic contaminant sources and responsible parties.
- Developed NJDEP policies, regulations, and standard operating procedures regarding drinking water, ground-water protection, pollution investigation, and cleanup.
- Managed research on the sources, mobilization, fate, transport, and effective water treatment of arsenic, radionuclides, and other naturally occurring contaminants in NJ aquifers.
- Provided technical support to the Department of Health and Human Services for the investigation of childhood cancers in Dover Township, Ocean County, New Jersey via membership on the NJDEP Toms River Work Group.
- Collaborated with CDC, NJ Department of Health, Columbia University, and Rutgers School of Public Heath on public health aspects of contaminated well water.
- Assisted the public and state and local agencies with water quality, water treatment, contaminant transport, well hydraulics, and hydrogeologic issues.
- Authored technical reports, conducted and oversaw field work, developed and implemented public health outreach and research projects.
- Gained expert knowledge of state and federal environmental, ground-water, and drinking water regulations, and conducted public speaking, research, training staff, teaching, and educational activities.

Employment History

2022 - Present Diagnosis Water, LLC Montgomeryville, PA Founder and President

1982 - 2021 NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Trenton, NJ

Research Scientist, Manager, Hydrogeologist

2017 - Present The College of New Jersey

Ewing, NJ

Adjunct Professor of Geology

2011 - 2018 Delaware Valley University

Doylestown, PA

Adjunct Professor of Hydrogeology

1980 - 1982 Converse Ward Davis Dixon

Roseland, NJ

Staff Geologist, Consulting

1980 Northeast Geo-Consulting

Wyckoff, NJ

Chief Geologist, Environmental Consulting

1979 - 1980 Ramsey High School

Ramsey, NJ

Earth Science Teacher

1979 Century Geophysical Corp

Casper, WY

Field Geologist, Mineral Exploration

Certifications

Registered Professional Geologist (P.G.), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1995 - Present Certified Teacher of Science, State of New Jersey, 1979 - Present

Professional Affiliations

National Environmental Health Association, 2018 - Present. Geology and Health Division, Geological Society of America, 2006 - Present. Eastern Water Quality Association 2023 - Present.

Awards

Distinguished Alumni Award, Rutgers University School of Public Health, 2016. Stuart D. Cook, MD, Student Public Health Research Award, UMDNJ, 2009.

Peer Reviewer for Scientific Journals

Environmental Health Perspectives
Science of the Total Environment
Journal of Human and Ecological Risk Assessment
Journal of Environmental and Public Health
Preventive Medicine Reports
Journal of Environmental Management
Water Resources Research

Publications

Water Treatment Media Breakthrough: Arsenic and Water Softener Media in Private Well Drinking Water. Rockafellow-Baldoni M, Spayd SE, Robson MG. Submitted for Review. Available online at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4087105

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School-based Private Well Testing Outreach Event for Arsenic and Boron in New Jersey. Rockafellow-Baldoni M, Lubenow B, Procopio NA, Gleason JA, Spayd SE. 2020. Journal of Environmental Health, Vol 83, No.2. Available online at: https://www.neha.org/node/61486

Leveraging Health Care Communication Channels for Environmental Health Outreach in New Jersey. Flanagan SV, Braman S, Puelle R, Gleason JA, Spayd SE, Procopio NA, Prosswimmer G, Navas-Acien A, Graziano J, Chillrud S. 2020. Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, Nov/Dec, 26(6): E23-E26. Available online at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7390665/

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Improve Private Well Testing Outreach Efficiency by Targeting Households Based on Proximity to a High Arsenic Well. Flanagan SV, Procopio NA, Spayd SE, Gleason JA, Zheng Y. 2020. Science of The Total Environment, Volume 738. Available online at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7429275/

Reduction in Drinking Water Arsenic Exposure and Health Risk Through Arsenic Treatment Among Private Well Households in Maine and New Jersey, USA. Qiang Y, Flanagan S, Chillrud S, Ross J, Zeng W, Culbertson C, Spayd S, Backer L, Smith AE, Zheng Y. 2020. Science of The Total Environment, Volume 738. Available online at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7429269/

Arsenic Exposure and Cancer Risk Reduction with Local Ordinance Requiring Whole-House Dual-Tank Water Treatment Systems. Rockafellow-Baldoni M, Spayd SE, Hong JY, Meng Q, Ohman-Strickland P, Robson MG. 2018. Human and Ecological Risk Assessment: An International Journal, 24: 1256-1267. Available online at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6145128/

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Importance of Arsenic Speciation in Populations Exposed to Arsenic in Drinking Water. Spayd SE, Robson MG, Xie R, Buckley BT. 2012. Human and Ecological Risk Assessment, 18:1271-1291. Available online at: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10807039.2012.722824

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Chapter 8 - Geological Sources of Radionuclides and Arsenic in Triassic Age Rift-Valley Sediments (Newark Supergroup) and in Mercer County, New Jersey, and Implications for Distribution in Ground Water. Zoltan Szabo, Julia L. Barringer, and Steve Spayd, 2010. In: Twenty Seventh Annual Meeting Geological Association of New Jersey October 8-9, 2010, Field Guide and Proceedings, Edited by Pierre Lacombe, Geological Association of New Jersey, p 89-91. Available online at: https://www.ganj.org/PDF%20Proceedings/2010%20GANJ%20XXVII.pdf

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Selected Presentations

- 2022 Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists New York and Philadelphia Chapter. Presented: Geogenic Contaminants in New Jersey with a Focus on Arsenic, Boron, Manganese, and Others.
- 2020 Private Water Network for National Environmental Health Association and CDC. Presented: Private Well Water Treatment for Arsenic. Available: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMxoABoFDXU&t=1s
- 2019 Columbia University Superfund Research Program Seminar. Presented: Innovative Private Well Testing and Water Treatment for Arsenic, Boron, and Radionuclides in New Jersey. Available: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYDjx1zfFmy&t=1s
- 2019 Geological Society of America, Northeast Section Meeting. Presented: Elevated Boron Associated with Lithium, Sodium, Sulfate, and Arsenic in Newark Basin Private Wells.
- 2019 Rutgers University Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, Clinical Research and Occupational Medicine Grand Rounds. Presented: Human Exposure to Arsenic from New Jersey Well Water.
- 2019 New Jersey Groundwater Association Membership Meeting. Presented: Radioactive Isotopes in New Jersey Groundwater.
- 2019 Private Well Conference, Harrisburg, PA. Presented: Private Well Water Treatment for Arsenic and Radioactive Elements. Available: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xH8v2mZeVYQ
- 2018 National Environmental Health Association, Annual Education Conference, Anaheim, CA. Presented: New Jersey's Private Well Testing Act.
- 2018 Hunterdon Healthcare Live Facebook Chat, Flemington, NJ. Q&A: Arsenic in Well Water.
- 2018 Recent Advances in New Jersey Geology, Trenton, NJ. Presented: Innovative Private Well Testing for Geogenic Contaminants: Arsenic, Boron, and Radionuclides.
- 2018 New Jersey Private Well Consortium, Lawrenceville, NJ. Moderator of Consortium Meeting and Presenter of: New Jersey CDC-Funded Private Well Testing & Outreach Events: Vernon Township.
- 2017 Raritan Headwaters Seminar Series, Flemington, NJ. Presented: Arsenic Water Treatment Options for Private Well Owners.
- 2017 Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ. Presented: New Jersey CDC-Funded Private Well Testing & Outreach Programs.
- 2016 Knowlton Township Public Meeting, Knowlton, NJ. Presented: Well Water Salt Contamination Study Knowlton Township, Warren County, NJ.
- 2016 Alexandria Township Environmental Commission, Hunterdon County, NJ. Presented: Well Water Testing Alexandria Township Summary of May 2016 Results.
- 2016 Kingwood Township Environmental Commission, Hunterdon County, NJ. Presented: Well Water Testing Kingwood Township Summary of May 2016 Results.

Selected Presentations - Continued

- 2016 Rutgers University Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, Clinical Research and Occupational Medicine Grand Rounds, Piscataway, NJ. Presented: Human Exposure to Arsenic from New Jersey Well Water.
- 2016 Geological Society of America, Northeast Section Annual Meeting, Albany, NY. Arsenic Mobilization and Dispersion from an Arsenic-Sulfide Enriched Biotite Gneiss.
- 2012 The 9th New Jersey Water Monitoring Summit, Bordentown, NJ. Presented: Geologically Based Framework for Ground-Water Sampling.
- 2011 Northeast Private Well Water Symposium, Southbury, CT. Presented: Multiple Contaminant Private Well Water Treatment Arsenic, Radionuclides, and More.
- 2011 Eastern Water Quality Association, East Windsor, NJ. Presented: Radionuclides Test Results to Treatment Results.
- 2010 Alexandria Township Environmental Commission, Pittstown, NJ. Presented: Alexandria Township Well Water Testing.
- 2009 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Presented: Point-of-Entry Arsenic Water Treatment Provided Greater Urinary Arsenic Reduction than Point-of-Use Water Treatment at New Jersey Homes with Arsenic in Well Water.
- 2009 Federal-State Toxicology and Risk Analysis Committee Meeting, Princeton, NJ. Presented: Biomonitoring to Evaluate Effectiveness of Treatment Options for Arsenic in Private Wells.
- 2009 Kingwood Township Board of Health, Kingwood, NJ. Presented: What is Down My Well? Recognizing Problems.
- 2008 Hopewell Township Health Department Public Meeting "What's in Your Water?" Presented: Arsenic and Radioactive Elements in Drinking Water.
- 2008 Franklin Township Health Department Well Water Seminar, Somerset, NJ. Presented: Arsenic in Drinking Water.
- 2008 NJ American Water Resources Association Meeting. Presented: Arsenic in New Jersey Well Water: Nature, Extent, Sources & Treatment.
- 2007 NJ Environmental Health Association. Presented: Arsenic in New Jersey Drinking Water.
- 2006 National Ground Water Association Naturally Occurring Contaminants Conference: Arsenic, Radium, Radon, and Uranium. Invited Special Guest Speaker. Presented: Arsenic Exposure Reduction for Residential Wells via Drinking Water Treatment Systems.
- 2005 New England Private Drinking Well Symposium, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Presented: Arsenic Water Treatment and Human Exposure.
- 2005 Eastern Water Quality Association Annual Meeting, Princeton, NJ. Presented: Update on Nature, Extent, Sources, and Treatment of Arsenic in New Jersey Well Water.

Selected Presentations - Continued

- 2005 National Ground Water Association Naturally Occurring Contaminants Conference: Arsenic, Radium, Radon, and Uranium. Invited Special Guest Speaker. Presented: Efficacy of Arsenic Exposure Reduction via Drinking Water Treatment Systems.
- 2004 Arsenic Symposium, Rutgers EcoComplex, Burlington, NJ. Presented: Source, Nature, and Extent of Arsenic Contamination in New Jersey.
- 2004 Private Well Testing Act NJDEP Health Agency Training Seminar, Mt. Holly, NJ, Presented: Arsenic in New Jersey Well Water: Nature, Extent, Sources, and Treatment.
- 2003 New Jersey Water Association Management/Technical Conference, Atlantic City, NJ. Presented: Geology, Aquifers & Threats to Wells in NJ.
- 2003 29th Annual Water Quality Association Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada. Presented: Arsenic Water Treatment for Residential Wells & Human Exposure Monitoring.
- 2001 Geology in Service to Public Health, Joint Meeting of the Geological Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Section-American Water Resources Association. Presented: Keynote Address Arsenic, Geology & Public Health.
- 2001 Protecting Source Water Quality, NJ Section, American Water Works Association, Princeton, NJ. Presented: Delineation of Well Head Protection Areas for New Jersey.
- 2001 Ground Water Institute for Teachers, American Ground Water Trust, Parsippany, NJ. Presented: Summary of the Common Threats to the State's Ground Water New Jersey Ground Water Protection Program.