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Dr. Lauren Ross is an environmental engineer and owner of Glenrose Engineering, Inc. in Austin, Texas. Her areas of expertise include water quality protection and engineering design, groundwater transport, solid waste management and disposal, and environmental monitoring. Her clients represent a diverse community of developers, businesses, industrial manufacturers, governments, lawyers, state regulatory agencies, universities, environmental and community organizations and private individuals.

Education

Ph. D. Civil Engineering, University of Texas at Austin; 1993.
M. S. Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado; 1982.
B. S. Civil Engineering, University of Texas at Austin; 1977, *magna cum laude*

Registration and Certification

Registered Professional Engineer: State of Texas
OSHA 40-hour Hazardous Waste Health and Safety Training

Relevant Experience

- **Water Quality Protection**
- **Groundwater and Soil PollutionTransport**
- **Solid and Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal**
- **Statistical and Risk Analysis**
- **Environmental Monitoring**
- **Litigation**

Environmental Assessment

- Baseline and impact assessment for wastewater line remediation project including evaluation of soils, geology, topography, and flow regimes.
- Environmental Assessment evaluation for a proposed project to convert an inactive crude oil pipeline, largely constructed in 1950, into active service as a high-pressure fuel transmission line. Work included: evaluating historical spill records; calculating statistical failure probabilities for different pipeline reaches and spill sizes; predicting time and concentrations of toxic and carcinogenic constituent migration through and discharge from a karst limestone aquifer; and evaluating the Operational Reliability Assessment performed for the pipeline.

Water Quality and

Engineering Design

- Gravity-flow retention and reirrigation water pollution control system for a large hospital complex within the contributing watershed of the karst Barton Springs Aquifer.
- Design of an innovative bioretention water quality control system for a municipal complex located on the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and permitting under Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Edwards Aquifer protection rules.
- Design of an innovative pervious pavement storm runoff detention and treatment system for a proposed parking lot to be located on the Northern Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and permitting under stringent City of Austin and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality water quality protection rules.

Wet pond design and detention basin retrofit to treat stormwater from existing residential and commercial development in the Oak Springs neighborhood in East Austin.

Combined wet pond and bioretention design for commercial storm runoff.

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Combined wet pond and retention/irrigation design for an existing 162-acre residential development over the sensitive Barton Springs recharge zone in the City of Austin, Texas.

Municipal engineer responsible for all water quality design, review, inspection, rules, and ordinances for the City of Sunset Valley, Texas since 1994.

Flood Control and

Water Quality

- Analyzed nonpoint pollution sources and structural and non-structural retrofit controls for recharge and contributing zone of a sensitive karst aquifer.
- Analyzed nonpoint pollution sources and structural and non-structural retrofit controls as water quality engineer for the City of Sunset Valley, Texas.
- Technical consultant to the City of Austin on implementation of the 1991 Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance and associated water quality monitoring system.
- Analyzed stormwater conveyance and flooding potential, designed regional detention basin to protect natural ecological systems for Armand Bayou Master Drainage Study.
- Estimated long-term groundwater yields based on rainfall rates, soil type, and river losses for Chisumbanje region of Zimbabwe, Africa.
- Evaluated land use, soils, agricultural and silvicultural practices to assess non-point pollution potential in the San Jacinto River Basin.
- Designed storm water drainage for subdivisions and regional water detention facilities.

Ground Water

- Groundwater contamination study, waste evaluation, sampling, and analysis for petroleum refinery.
- Closed landfill study: field investigation, compiled and reviewed historical records, assessed potential environmental consequences, installed, sampled, and evaluated data from monitoring wells.
- Conducted geologic assessment, designed and installed groundwater monitoring well system for municipal landfills.
- Designed a system to limit methane and leached organic chemical migration from a closed municipal landfill into a karst limestone sole-source drinking water aquifer.
- Developed groundwater management alternatives to limit withdrawal and related land subsidence.

Solid Waste

- Investigated waste metal migration in soil for petroleum land treatment unit.
- Investigated geologic setting and groundwater contamination and designed recovery well system for groundwater remediation at a commercial RCRA waste storage impoundment.
- Designed petroleum waste land treatment units: baseline soil and groundwater characterization; monitor well system design and installation; lysimeter systems; and land treatment demonstrations to determine maximum waste capacity and loading rates.

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- Developed sampling procedures and in-place treatment for RCRA waste at electrical generation power plants.
- Managed and prepared technical phases of Industrial Solid Waste Permit Applications under RCRA and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regulations for waste management facilities: land treatment units, surface impoundments, container storage areas.
- Designed closure plans for RCRA waste impoundments to store, treat and dispose of inorganic acids, spent pickle liquor, and organic chemicals.

Litigation

- Groundwater contamination investigation for drinking water supply contaminated by sulfide gas migration in the annulus of a poorly cemented exploratory petroleum boring.
- Groundwater contamination investigation of brine contamination from review of well logs, oil production salt-water disposal practices, and local geologic data.
- Technical evaluation of a proposed salt dome cavern placement and deep well injection of hazardous waste.
- Technical support for municipal ordinance regulating development to limit non-point source pollution of streams, springs, and karst limestone aquifer.

Teaching

- Semester Course in Statistics for Environmental Monitoring; University of Texas at Austin; Fall 1995.
- Land Development Seminar; Travis County Bar Association, 12 July 1996.
- Water Quality Protection Programs to Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution, a presentation to the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's Watershed Management: Challenges and Innovations--A Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference, 25 July 1996.
- Presenter at Emerging Issues in Groundwater Regulation panel discussion, Key Environmental Issues in U.S. EPA Region VI conference, hosted by U.S. EPA and the American Bar Association, May 12-13, 1997.
- Short Courses in Statistics for Environmental Monitoring; University of Texas Continuing Engineering Studies Program: Spring 1995, Fall 1995, Spring 1996, Spring 1997, Spring 1998.
- Short Courses in Statistics for Environmental Monitoring; Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Focus on surface water sampling considerations, trend analysis and methods to assess the achievement of data quality objectives.

Statistics

- Evaluated surface and groundwater measurements for normality, differences in mean, spatial variability, and time series analysis. Techniques used include Student's t-test, Wilcoxon test, parametric and non-parametric ANOVA, Fourier series decomposition, Shapiro-Wilkes test, and Chi-squared tests.
- Geostatistical analysis and kriging of groundwater transmissivity data.

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- Statistically-based sampling design including optimum sample number, stratified random sampling, and assessment of monitoring parameters to achieve efficient sampling designs.

**Field/
Laboratory**

- Field supervision of auger drilling, rotary-bit drilling, well installation, shelby-tube core and split-spoon sampling, and soil type identification using the Unified Soils Classification System.
- Sampling of groundwater monitoring systems and hazardous wastes, including volatile organic constituents, dioxins, and other collection-sensitive parameters.
- Laboratory experiments to measure unsaturated hydraulic conductivity, water content versus soil water pressure, and other geophysical soil properties.