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**EXPERIENCE:**

**2023 – present.** *Star City Compost LLC, Roanoke VA.* **Member.** Part-owner of a start-up aerated static pile food waste composting facility.

**2005- present.** *Coker Composting and Consulting, Troutville, VA.* **Principal.**  A sole proprietorship providing technical and managerial support to private and public organics recycling programs and composting facilities in planning, permitting, design, construction, and operations and in product marketing and sales. Over 300 completed projects since 2005. See [www.cokercompost.com](http://www.cokercompost.com) for project descriptions.

**2007-present.** *BioCycle CONNECT, Emmaus PA.* **Senior Editor.** Writer and editor of technical articles for national trade weekly electronic periodical in the fields of composting and anaerobic digestion.

**2003- 2006.** *McGill Environmental Systems of NC, Inc., Harrells, NC.* **Technical Advisor.** Provided composting technical support to two 80,000 ton-per-year (tpy) multi-feedstock enclosed aerated static pile solid waste/biosolids composting facilities. Managed planning, permitting, and design of new 130,000 tpy aerated static pile solid waste composting facility in Waverly, VA.

**2001- 2003.** *Mountain Organic Materials, LLC, Candler, NC.* **Vice President & Operations Manager.** Planning, design, construction and operation of 8,000 tpy aerated bin dairy manure composting operation at 650-head dairy farm. Directed product sales for compost and compost-amended topsoil. Management of wood waste recycling center, including retail and wholesale sales. Development of proprietary aerated composting bin technology.

**1998-2001.**  *NC Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources, Div. Of Pollution Prevention & Env. Assistance, Raleigh, NC.* **Composting Specialist.** Provided technical assistance to solid and animal waste composting industry (source-separated organics collection/transport, facility planning and siting, compost process control and product marketing). Served as technical resource in development of site-specific equipment, technology and operational solutions for existing and planned organics recycling operations.

**1983-1998.** *Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., Fairfax, VA.* **Senior Associate.** Managed projects in facilities planning, engineering, construction and operation of wastewater treatment and biosolids management facilities (composting, incineration, drying).

**1980-1983.** *Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Environmental Protection, Rockville, MD.* **Senior Environmental Planner**. Oversaw two projects in biosolids composting planning, design, construction and operation (Dickerson Interim Composting Facility, WSSC Composting Facility in Calverton, MD); wastewater treatment plant siting (Rock Run AWT); and solid waste management planning (Dickerson Quarry Balefill).

**1975-1980.** *Planning Research Corporation/Toups & Loiderman Engineers, Rockville, MD*. **Project Manager**. Managed projects in biosolids composting (siting, facility planning) and environmental assessments/impact statements.

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, & EDUCATION**

**2009-2022.** Virginia Nutrient Management Planner

**2007.** Virginia Waste Management Facility Operator License # 4605 002846, expires 8/31/2025

**2004.** *Solid Waste Association of North America.* Certified Compost Systems Manager. Certificate No. 57591

**2001.** *University of Maine Cooperative Extension.* Certificate of Technical Competence in Composting

**2000.** *University of Georgia.* Completion of Compost Operator Training Course

**1980.** *George Washington University, Washington, DC,* M.S. in Sanitary Engineering

**1975**.  *University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia*. B.A. in Environmental Science

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & BOARD SEATS**

Virginia Recycling Association – Board of Directors (2013 - 2017)

Bedford County (VA) Economic Development Authority - Board of Directors (2009 – 2014, Chairman 2013-2014)

Virginia Composting Council - Chairman, Board of Directors (2011 - 2014)

U.S. Composting Council – Board of Directors (2005-2008, 2009 - 2012)

Water Environment Federation – Biosolids Management Committee (2003-2007, 1989-1994)

North Carolina Composting Council – Board of Directors (1997-2011, President 2003-2005)

Carolina Recycling Association – Board of Directors (2001-2003)

Solid Waste Association of North America – member

American Biogas Council – member

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Born Dec. 23, 1953 in Auckland, New Zealand. Naturalized American Citizen. Married

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