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Started work at the U.S. EPA in December 1979. Worked full time at EPA while earning a Bachelor of Science (Geoscience) University of Texas at Dallas by 1997. Under an Interpersonal Services Act, worked as the EPA Liaison to the City of Dallas to assist with brownfields redevelopment under EPA's Brownfields Showcase Initiative from 1998 through 2001. As EPA Liaison, assisted redevelopment of brownfields site into the Center of Hope, transitional housing/shelter for homeless women and children was located on a former brownfields site in Dallas. Returned to EPA's Brownfields Team in late 2001 to communicate the opportunities available to communities under the EPA's Brownfields Program, to manage several Brownfields grants as a project officer, and to create a network and information exchange for Region 6 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Programs. As the Region 6 Land Revitalization Coordinator, I promote/support Ready-for-Reuse for RCRA and Superfund sites, green remediation, renewable energy, urban agriculture & community garden, sustainability, all levels of government and private partnerships. Some key Land Revitalization accomplishments include: Building Partnerships for a Better Tulsa; Abandoned Automobile Dealership Sustainable Reuse Pilot; Decision Tool for Selecting a Hydrogen Fuel Cell to Power Activities on Superfund Sites; Star Ranch – Renewable Energy Feasibility Study.