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Chuck is a DIPS Senior instructor with 25 years of NEPA specific experience. He began his 38-year career as a field biologist conducting wildlife and endangered species surveys. Chuck currently holds a position as an elected member of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) Board of Directors where he chairs NAEP's NEPA Practice. He held a long and distinguished career at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in Knoxville, Tennessee where he served as Senior NEPA Compliance Specialist and TVA's NEPA liaison to the Council on Environmental Quality.

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