

Despina Strong

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Despina Strong is the current program manager for King County's Industrial Waste Program. She oversees the administration of pretreatment regulations for over 1,600 facilities within 34 cities and local sewer districts, serving more than 1.5 million residents in three counties. The program is responsible for the protection of three regional and two local treatment plants and ensures that biosolids and reclaimed water remain a valuable resource for public and environmental benefit. From 1992 to 2006, she managed multiple units at King County's Environmental Laboratory.

Prior to joining King County, Dr. Strong worked at the Washington State Department of Ecology laboratory as the inorganics supervisor. She has 25 years of experience in environmental chemical analysis and management, quality assurance, application of continuous process improvement principles, and workplace safety.

Dr. Strong received a BS in industrial chemistry from the University of Wales (United Kingdom) and earned a MS and a PhD in analytical chemistry from Washington State University.