

ERIK A. PETROVSKIS, Ph.D, P.E.

CAREER OVERVIEW

Dr. Petrovskis has over 30 years of experience in environmental engineering, which encompasses environmental management, consulting, research, teaching, and technological innovation. He is a proven program director for sustainability, environmental compliance, due diligence and remediation. His organizational leadership is well established. Dr. Petrovskis is a frequently invited speaker on corporate environmental management.

SUSTAINABILITY

- Developed corporate environmental sustainability program, including benchmarking, Meijer Environmental Commitment, and the Meijer Sustainability Plan
- Sets Meijer's 3-5 year sustainability strategy, integrating activities across Meijer business units and facilitating goal setting and metrics tracking and reporting
- Leads carbon reduction, food waste reduction, circular economy, and Great Lakes stewardship programs

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

- Responsible for environmental compliance for over 270 retail stores, six distribution centers, five food manufacturing facilities, and two central pharmacies
- Developed multimedia environmental compliance management system conformant to ISO 19600, including procedure development, training, permitting, metrics tracking, and auditing
- Implemented robust management programs for fuel systems, construction and post-construction stormwater management, hazardous waste, wastewater, and HFC and ammonia refrigeration systems

DUE DILIGENCE AND REMEDIATION

- Led over 200 Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments for acquisition or divestiture of residential, commercial, and industrial properties
- Directed or managed site investigation and remediation at over 110 diverse facilities, including gasoline stations, pipelines, industrial laundries, and metal fabrication sites in the Great Lakes states, Ontario, and Quebec
- Co-Principal Investigator of federal and state grants to develop assessment and remediation technologies for chlorinated solvent sites

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Leads corporate environmental management team supporting retail, supply chain, manufacturing, and merchandising activities
- Founded startup offices for two different environmental consulting firms, recruiting and integrating diverse staff of engineers and other professionals, with headcounts of 12 to 15
- Met or exceeded financial metrics, budget strategies, and accounting targets
- Directed organizations through technology leadership, practice innovation, personal entrepreneurship, and teamwork

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1995
M.S.E., Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1992
M.S., Environmental Health Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1991
B.S. (Honors), Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 1983

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, School for Environment and Sustainability
Adjunct Associate Professor, 2023- present

Master's Capstone Project Advisor/Sponsor

2025-present Meijer – Regenerative Agriculture Program Development

2025-present Meijer Customer Recycling Program Expansion

2024-2025 Meijer's Embodied Carbon in Construction

2023-2024 Meijer Scope 3 Supplier Engagement and Emission Reduction Goal

2022-2023 Meijer Scope 3 Carbon Accounting Framework

2019-2020 Meijer Store of Tomorrow

2017-2018 Meijer Renewable Energy Strategy

2015-2016 Meijer Sustainability Plan and 2014 Environmental Footprint Report

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Department of Civil and Environmental
Engineering, Lecturer, 2011-2014

CEE360/CEE465 Environmental Process Engineering (four semesters)

CEE265 Sustainable Engineering Principles (one semester)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Meijer, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan, Director of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability,
2014-present

Geosyntec Consultants, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Principal/Office Manager, 2004-2014

GeoTrans, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, Principal/Operations Manager, 2000-2004

Tetra Tech Inc., Project Engineer, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1994-1999

The Upjohn Co., Environmental Affairs Unit, Intern, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1990

The Upjohn Co., Molecular Biology Research, Staff Scientist, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1983-1989

REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Engineer, Michigan, No. 046877

AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Environmental Management

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Erb Institute Michigan Business Sustainability Roundtable

West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council Environmentalist of the Year – Business 2024

Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum “Business of the Year” 2023

Meijer President's Award, 2023

Grand Rapids Business Journal 2022 Newsmaker of the Year – Sustainability
West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum “Business of the Year” nominee 2022

SERDP Project of the Year, Co-Principal Investigator, 2004
Distinguished Achievement Commendation, UM College of Engineering, 1995
NIH Predoctoral Fellowship in Cellular Biotechnology, 1991-1994
Parsons Foundation Fellowship in Environmental Engineering, 1991-1992 Tau
Beta Pi honor society (engineering), 1991
UM School of Public Health Scholarship, 1989-1991
Gamma Sigma Delta honor society (agriculture and life sciences), 1983
UW Graduate with distinction, 1983
M.S. Peterson Memorial Scholarship of Biochemistry, 1982-1983
UW Dean's Lists 1980-1983; Sophomore honors, 1980

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Michigan, Center for Sustainable Systems, External Advisory Board/Vice
Chair/Chair, 2017–present.
Latvian Center Garezers and Divreizdivi Seminar, Sustainability Lecturer, 2021-2022
University of Michigan, REFRESCH, Advisory Board member, 2014-2017
National Research Council (NRC), Committee for Integrating Sustainability into USEPA
Decision Making, 2013-2014.
Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC), Environmental Molecular Diagnostics
Team member and fact sheet co-author, 2009-2014
Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF), Framework Team member and white paper co-author,
2006-2011
Huron River Watershed Council, Board Member 2000-2011; Executive Committee 2012-2014
University of Michigan, Jack Lendvay Ph.D. dissertation committee, “Temporal and Spatial
Trends in Biogeochemistry at the Groundwater-Surface Water Interface”, 1999.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Environment Canada. Landfarming of Missile Fuel-Contaminated Soil at a Former Soviet Military
Base. 1996.
National Academy of Sciences. Young Investigator Program with Latvia and Lithuania:
Agricultural Impacts on Water Quality. 1994-1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Tirpak R.A., Winston R.J., Simpson I.M., Dorsey J.D., Grimm A.G., Pieschek R.L., Petrovskis
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commercial parking lot. *J. Hydrology*. 592:125773.
Britton, C. and Petrovskis, E.A. 2020. Meijer and Carbon Management, In *Green Chemistry in
Government and Industry*, Walter de Gruyter GmbH, Berlin.
National Research Council (co-author). 2014. *Sustainability Concepts in Decision-Making –
Tools and Approaches for the USEPA*, Washington, D.C., National Academies Press.
Petrovskis E., Amber W., Walker C. 2012. Microbial Monitoring During Bioaugmentation with
Dehalococcoides. In Stroo HF, Leeson A, Ward CH, eds, In *Bioaugmentation for
Groundwater Remediation*. SERDP and ESTCP Remediation Technology Monograph Series,

- Holland, K., R. Lewis, K. Tipton, S. Karnis, C. Dona, E. Petrovskis, L. Bull, D. Taege, and C. Hook, 2011. Framework for Integrating Sustainability into Remediation Projects. *Remediation*. Summer: 7-38.
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- Baker, J., D. Bosch, P. Bukaveckas, S. Deets, K. Hatfield, A. Kazakevicius, K. Lohman, A. Mitchell, E. Petrovskis, I. Runge, and A. Zale, "Agricultural Impacts on Water Quality in Latvia and Lithuania: A Report of the U.S. Young Investigator Program," *Proceedings of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Section B, no.3/4*, p. 128-136. 1995
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- Petrovskis, E.A., T.M. Vogel and P. Adriaens, "Effects of Electron Acceptors and Donors on Transformation of Tetrachloromethane by *Shewanella Putrefaciens* MR-1," *FEMS Microbiol Lett.* 121:357-364. 1994
- Meyer, A.L., E.A. Petrovskis, W.P.H. Duffus, D.R. Thomsen and L.E. Post. 1991. Cloning and sequence of an infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus (BHV-1) gene homologous to glycoprotein H of herpes simplex virus. *Biochem. Biophys. Acta* 1090:267-269.
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- Petrovskis, E.A., et al., 1988. Pseudorabies virus gp50: an effective subunit vaccine and interference with virus replication in cell lines. In Lasky, L. (ed): "Technological Advances in Vaccine Development," New York: Alan R. Liss, Inc., pp. 147-156.
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- Petrovskis, E.A. and L.E. Post. 1987. A small open reading frame in pseudorabies virus and implications for evolutionary relationships between herpesviruses. *Virology* 159:193-195.
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- Petrovskis, E.A., J.G. Timmins, T.M. Gierman and L.E. Post. 1986. Deletions in vaccine strains of pseudorabies Virus and their effect on synthesis of glycoprotein gp63. *J. Virology* 60:1166-1169.
- Petrovskis, E.A., J.G. Timmins, M.A. Armentrout, C.C. Marchioli, R.J. Yancey, and L.E. Post. 1986. DNA sequence of the gene for pseudorabies virus gp50, a glycoprotein with no N-linked glycosylation. *J. Virology* 59:216-223.
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PATENTS

- Method for constructing thymidine kinase mutants of herpes viruses. L.E. Post, E.A. Petrovskis, J.H. Nunberg and T. Compton. U.S. Patent No. 5,324,664
- Pseudorabies virus proteins. E.A. Petrovskis, L.E. Post and J.G. Timmins. U.S. Patent No. 5,352,575

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Expanding the Future of Michigan's Bottle Bill – Panelist*, Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference, May 2025
- Enriching Lives Through Environmental Stewardship*, Retail Leadership Summit, April 2025
- Packaging Sustainability – Panelist*, Velocity Sustainability Summit, October 2024
- Refrigerant Management at Meijer*, National Association of Environmental Management, October 2024
- Sustainability at Meijer*, Calvin University, September 2024
- Enriching Lives in the Communities We Serve: Sustainability at Meijer*, People's Church Forum, East Lansing, MI, April 2024
- Reducing Food Waste in Retail*, GTF Food Waste Conference, April 2024
- Adaptation and Resilience – Panelist*. ClimateCAP Conference, University of Michigan February 2024
- Sustainability at Meijer*, SC Johnson Environmental Summit, September 2023

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Sustainability at Meijer, University of Michigan Ross School of Business, March 2023
Enriching Lives in the Communities We Serve, Keynote–Air and Waste Management Association
Annual Air Conference, November 2022
Sustainability at Meijer, Private Label Manufacturers Association October 2022
Fleet Electrification, Michigan Sustainability Conference, October 2022
Sustainability at Meijer, Council for the Great Lakes Region, October 2022
Supply Chain Sustainability, Grand Valley State University, October 2022
Green Stormwater Management, West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, September 2022
Refrigerant Management at Meijer, Retail Industry Leaders Association, September 2022
Pollution Solutions of the Great Lakes, Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, April 2022
Meijer Environmental Sustainability, Wayne State University, February 2022
Meijer Materiality Assessment, University of Michigan Erb Institute, November 2021
Tackling Carbon Emissions at Meijer, Michigan Sustainability Conference, June 2021
Environmental Sustainability at Meijer, Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, April 2021
Organics Recycling at Meijer, Great Lakes Circular Materials Roundtable, October 2020
Green Infrastructure at Meijer, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, June 2020
Environmental Sustainability at Meijer, Aquinas College, April 2020
Facilitating Environmental Sustainability, Grand Valley State University, October 2019
Commercial GI Retrofits, Great Lakes Stormwater Collaborative, July 2019
Commercial GI Retrofits: Construction, Performance, and Maintenance, Ohio Stormwater
Conference, May 2019
Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy, Michigan Council on Future Mobility, May 2019
Sustainability at Meijer, West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, March 2019
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, USGBC Michigan Energy Summit, April 2018
Meijer Environmental Management, Calvin College, April 2018
Environmental Metrics, Aquinas College, April 2018
Facilitating Environmental Sustainability, Keynote–Michigan Sustainability Conference,
September 2017
Food Waste Management at Meijer, Indiana Recycling Coalition Annual Conference, June 2017
Infiltration Technologies for Mitigating Stormwater Runoff of Commercial Retail Properties,
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Green Infrastructure Conference, May 2017