



CTC Source Protection Committee Members Biography

Fred Ruf

Citizen-at-Large

Fred Ruf's career in Public Health spans more than 35 years during which he managed environmental health programs for the City of Toronto (e.g. lead contamination, PCE contaminated sites, water issues on Toronto Islands), implemented and managed Toronto's AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention programs and the Needle Exchange program. He exited public service at the municipal level as director of Environmental Health for the former City of North York, started and operated Outsourcing Services Inc. a public health/environmental health consulting company, then in 2000 joined the Ministry of Health as a consultant under contract.

During his time at the Ministry, Mr. Ruf served as senior policy analyst and worked on such files as the Walkerton outbreak, Food Safety and Safe Water Programs, West Nile Virus, and Pandemic Influenza. He subsequently was appointed as acting head of a unit that included Environmental Health and Toxicology, Food Safety and Safe Water. In March 2007, he exited the Ministry and returned to Outsourcing Services Inc.

Mr. Ruf received his public health inspection/environmental health training from Ryerson Polytechnic University and completed a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies at York University with "Health in the Workplace" as his area of concentration. In 2004, he received the Distinguished Service Award (2004) from the (Ontario) Association of Local Public Health Agencies.