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Leanne Burney, United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board. Ms. Burney has over 15 years of experience working on development, water management and sanitation challenges. Since 2009 she has been working with the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on water and sanitation. Prior to this, she coordinated the Global Water Partnership's (GWP) strategic development process resulting in their 2009-2013 Strategy Plan. As Special Assistant to the GWP Technical Committee Chair, she provided strategic planning support to the Committee, a group of distinguished international water managers, academics and policy-makers who guide the GWP's integrated water resources management model.

Zevi Kahanov, Director, Jewish National Fund's Parsons Water Fund. Mr. Kahanov is Israel's Emissary for Jewish National Fund (JNF) and National Director for JNF Parsons Water Fund. Over the past three decades, JNF has worked to help alleviate Israel's chronic water shortage, leading to a 12% increase in water availability by constructing some 250 reservoirs. The JNF Parsons Water Fund was established to expand on this vital work. The Fund supports initiatives that address water treatment and water quality issues and trans-boundary water challenges, with a focus on recycling, developing alternative water sources, education, stream and aquifer restoration and on research.

Paul Gallay, President, Riverkeeper, Inc. Mr. Gallay and the Riverkeeper team work to protect the Hudson River and the drinking water supplies for nine million New Yorkers. An attorney and educator, Paul has dedicated himself to the environmental movement since 1987, when he left the private practice of law and went to work for the New York State Attorney General. From 1990 to 2000, Mr. Gallay worked at New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation where he brought hundreds of corporate and government polluters to justice. Paul subsequently spent a decade in the land conservation movement before becoming Riverkeeper's President in 2010.

Larry Beckhardt, Chief, Strategic Planning, Bureau of Water Supply, NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Beckhardt directs the Bureau's strategic and long term planning at the DEP. The DEP is responsible for supplying drinking water and providing wastewater treatment for NYC and southeastern NYS. Mr. Beckhardt's responsibilities at DEP have included development, implementation and financing of cooperative programs with landowners, local government and government agencies in the NYC's watershed region for protection and enhancement of drinking water quality.