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Dr. Susan Klosterhaus is an environmental scientist with more than 15 years of experience studying the fate and toxicity of chemical contaminants in the environment. As the Institute's Senior Scientist, Susan is the lead manager of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Products Program and oversees development of the Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard. Susan also serves as the Chair of the Institute's Certification Standards Board.

Prior to joining the Institute, Susan was the lead organic contaminant chemist at the San Francisco Estuary Institute, where she conducted water quality monitoring projects to support environmental management and policy development for San Francisco Bay. At SFEI she led research on contaminants of emerging concern in aquatic environments and developed an expertise in the identification and analysis of flame retardant chemicals used in consumer products. Before moving to the Bay Area, Susan was a research scientist in laboratories at the University of Maryland and the University of South Carolina, where she conducted studies on the accumulation and toxicity of chemical contaminants in aquatic ecosystems. As part of these efforts she has a strong record of publishing in high-impact, peer-reviewed journals as well as experience in making complex scientific information understandable to both technical and non-technical audiences.

Susan earned her Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Maryland and her M.S. in Public Health and B.S. in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina.