

Dr. Sweeney's Brief BIO and Experience

Per your request, the following is a brief summary of the breadth of my experiences concerning environmental and health related topics.

I received my MS (1964) and PhD (1966) degrees from The Ohio State University majoring in environmental toxicology and water resources. That training included extensive courses in the Medical School. Could have gotten an MD if I elected to intern. After graduation I accepted an academic (Assistant Professor) and administrative (Director of the Great Lakes Laboratory) position with the State University of New York. Became the youngest tenure full professor in the SUNY system. Served as an ecological adviser to Presidents Nixon and Johnson. Earned commendations and awards from numerous federal, state, local and international agencies for my aquatic research some of which involved toxicology and human health. Because of my breadth of training and experience in numerous disciplines, I was hired by private and governmental agencies to remedy a broad number of environmental problems. Some of those involved "sick buildings" in which occupants were experiencing health problems. Two of those concerned employees of Buffalo hospitals who were suffering from severe headaches, nausea and body aches. I was able to solve the problem by locating sources of molds in the humidifying machines and associated ductwork and overseeing thoroughly cleanings those devices. I also was involved in other cases involving people experiencing similar health symptoms caused by molds and bacteria in air conditioning systems.

After 15 years, I resigned from SUNY to join an international environmental consulting firm where I oversaw the assessment and remedy of numerous major contamination problems in more than 14 countries around the world. Did that work for 15 years before founding and overseeing for 6 years an environmental education program for K - 8 teachers from across the USA which was based at Brevard College in Asheville, NC.

Have been President of R. A. Sweeney and Associates, now a Florida-based sole proprietorship, since 1995. All my employment to date has been for confidential clients. Some of that work involved critically reviewing environmental reports authored by other individuals.

Hope that the above provides insights regarding my qualification to be of aid to your department and union.

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