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Lois N. Epstein, P.E. is the Arctic Program Director for The Wilderness Society, a national conservation organization. Her efforts focus on ensuring that onshore and offshore Arctic oil and gas operations are as safe and environmentally-sound as possible and protecting sensitive areas from new resource development. Previously, Ms. Epstein was a private consultant on environmental and policy issues and as a senior engineer for several national and regional non-profit organizations. Ms. Epstein has presented invited testimony before the U.S. Congress on over ten occasions, largely focusing on release prevention in the oil and gas sector. Additionally, she has served on several federal advisory committees including current service on the Offshore Energy Safety Advisory Committee, and has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *CNN*, and *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. In May 2010, Ms. Epstein advised the Department of the Interior on its safety report to the President following BP's Gulf spill. Ms. Epstein is a licensed Professional Engineer in the States of Alaska and Maryland. She has a masters' degree from Stanford University in Civil Engineering with a specialization in environmental engineering and science, and undergraduate degrees from both Amherst College (English) and MIT (mechanical engineering).