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### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

United States

### RESEARCH TOPIC

Chemistry of fire retardants

### DEGREES

BS Engineering Science,  
University of Virginia, 1973;  
BS Chemical Engineering,  
polymer science, University  
of Wisconsin, 1980;  
MS Chemical Engineering,  
polymer science, University  
of Wisconsin, 1992

### CURRENT POSITION

Editor

Work hard, learn something new every day, be curious, and believe in the sustainability of wood products, which is critical for future generations. Help others by being a mentor and enjoy life.

Before becoming editor, I worked for the USDA, Forest Service at the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, where I conducted research on fire retardants, fire growth, and wildland urban wildfires. After 12 years in research, I moved into research management and technology transfer. My role in technology transfer involved working with rural communities to develop valued-added products from trees removed to reduce the fire hazard. The cost of removing overstocked forests to reduce fire hazard is expensive and without use for the material, it becomes prohibitive. Often these trees are suppressed growth, but of small diameter.



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