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When I started at the University of Missouri in 1996, I was sure I'd end up in France, working in a museum. Then along came an Environmental Geology class and with it my introduction into the solid waste field. I immediately switched my major to civil engineering (and had to call my dad and apologize – he's a civil engineer and I had been swearing to him for the past 10 years that I wouldn't follow in his footsteps). If I'd have known what the future held...

After finishing up at MU, I returned to Burns & McDonnell where I had completed a co-op and internship during college. While it was exciting to work for a large firm, I felt that a smaller firm would provide more leadership possibilities. When the opportunity presented itself, I left to begin working for a new engineering firm, Aquaterra Environmental Solutions, Inc. My employee number is 006 - if I had held out for one more week I could have been 007!

Since joining Aquaterra in 2002, I have not had the challenge of finding a variety of experiences! With over 80 people and 10 offices, it's been a crazy but fulfilling ride. I sit on the Board of Directors, and as an Associate Principal and the Practice Area Leader for Aquaterra's solid waste endeavors, I am able to help set company strategy, chase new ideas and technology, and develop relationships with a variety of clients.

My husband and I live in Lee's Summit, MO (I'll always be a Missouri girl at heart). We love watching live music, laying by the neighborhood pool or on the deck of our friends' boats, and planning our next vacation.