



“The Social Life of MRE”

Biography: Dr. Michelle Adams, Dalhousie University

Dr. Michelle Adams, is an Associate Professor within the School of Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES) at Dalhousie University. She has worked as an engineering consultant in the environmental sector since the mid 90s, is a former naval officer and holds a PhD from Dalhousie’s Faculty of Engineering. She joined Dalhousie in 2008; her personal research focused on the integration of green technologies, eco-efficiency and emissions reductions strategies into resource-based industrial operations. From 2008 to 2012, she was also the Director of Dalhousie’s Eco-Efficiency Centre – a research and education organization that helps business’ identify opportunities to optimize both environmental performance and operational efficiency.

Her ‘energy’ work has specifically focused on renewables and includes coauthoring the ‘Nova Scotia Renewable Energy Strategy’ report in 2010 (with Dr. David Wheeler) and ‘A Participatory Approach to Sustainable Energy Strategy Development in a Carbon-Intensive Jurisdiction’ (Energy Policy). Currently, Michelle’s research focus involves investigating the implications, motivations and challenges related to increased community engagement with renewable energy development in Nova Scotia, both as stakeholders and as owner/operators.