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She directs investigations for biologic, chemical and toxic contaminants in the water supply and has conducted long term projects with industry in the research and the development of new filtration products ranging from point-of-use devices for laboratory and reagent grade water to electrodeionization processes, membrane separation and desalination. She has worked extensively with many filtration companies to develop new membranes that would retard barriers for molecular weight materials.

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