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As the lead Technical Specialist at Cedar Grove, Michele Riggs oversees all field testing of compostable products. Her pioneering work includes developing science-based protocols for determining “compostability” for products within active composting processes. Michele has utilized her academic background in Natural Resources and Chemical Engineering with her focus on environmental science initiatives during her six years at Cedar Grove. These activities include overseeing stormwater compliance for the company’s two major composting facilities.

Michele serves as part of the technical team for the USCC CPTF reviewing the current ASTM disintegration testing standard. Michele also served as the project lead through ASTM international in rewriting the method, while also overseeing an international study involving composters and laboratories working to resolve current issues with disintegration standards. Michele also proudly serves on the Board of Directors as the Vice President of the Washington Organics Recycling Council (WORC).