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Dr. McDaniel works as a professional-in-residence at the Center for Energy Studies. He is an environmental scientist with more than 35 years of professional experience in environmental investigations and regulatory compliance matters. His research interests at the Center are related to energy and the environment, global climate change, alternative energy/fuels, and environmental policy/regulation.

From January 2004 to January 2008, Dr. McDaniel served as Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). Prior to his appointment at LDEQ, Dr. McDaniel provided environmental consulting services to a variety of private and public sector clients. In the public sector, he primarily assisted state and local governments with air quality and transportation issues. In the private sector, his work dealt mostly with environmental assessments, permitting and compliance of major energy and manufacturing projects.

Prior to opening the firm of Mike D. McDaniel & Associates in January 1999, Dr. McDaniel served for more than five years as vice president for Woodward-Clyde Consultants, an environmental and engineering consulting firm. From 1988 to 1992, Dr. McDaniel served as assistant secretary, Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection in the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

Over the past 15 years, he has had a significant role in facilitating air quality improvements and promoting alternative energy within the state of Louisiana. He has also served as an appointed member of the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Protection and Preservation, the Governor's Mississippi River Corridor Task Force, the Governor's Interagency Task Force on Flood Prevention and Mitigation, and the Amite River Basin Commission. He is a past director for the Louisiana Section of Air and Waste Management Association.