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Dr. Susan De Long is an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Colorado State University. She has Bachelor's degrees in Environmental Science and Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California, Berkeley and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from The University of Texas, Austin. She has over 15 years of experience working in the fields of environmental engineering, microbiology and applied molecular biology.

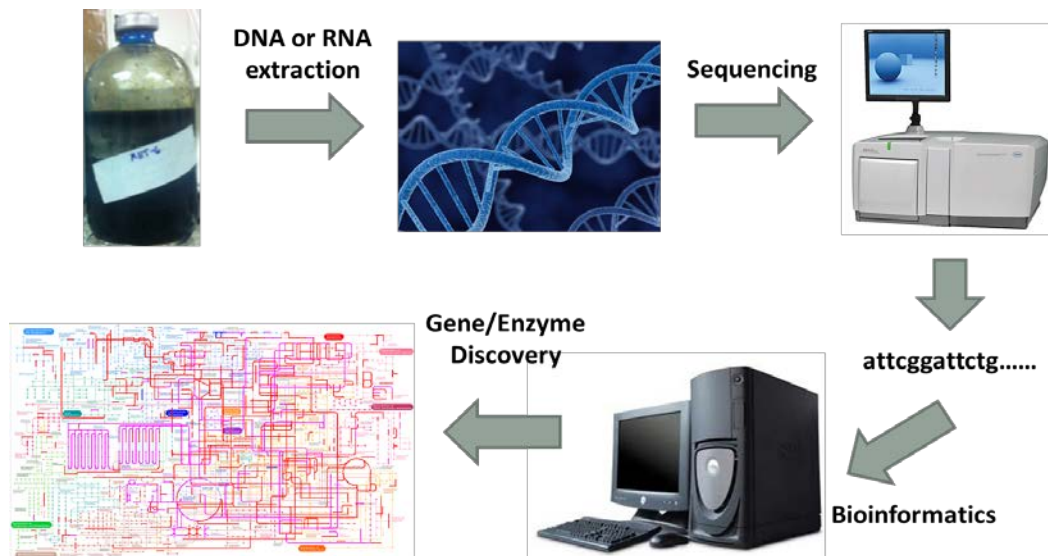
Her on-going research thrusts include:

- LNAPL bioremediation
- Enhanced natural source zone depletion
- Leveraging RNA methods for documenting biodegradation activity
- Cryocore analysis
- Application of next-generation gene sequencing methods, including metagenomics and metatranscriptomics, to site remediation and contaminant treatment
- Development of novel biomarkers for biodegradation
- Molecular assay development.
- Biodegradation of emerging contaminants, including pharmaceuticals and personal care products
- Bioenergy and biomaterial generation from waste
- Wastewater treatment for reuse.



Processing cryocore

biomarker discovery using next generation gene sequencing workflow



Papers and Theses

Selected publications

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