

Maureen Fitzgerald McCammon has retired and left the industry. She misses the people in Operations and Engineering but is looking forward to finally unpacking the house and the personal challenge of creating the perfect martini. She earned her bachelor's degree from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology aka New Mexico Tech (NMT) in 1977. Initially she worked in the Mining industry (3 years) in underground soft rock for Kerr-McGee. (She was a miner when she was a minor.) She also holds a master's Certification from George Washington University in Project Management and is a Certified Manager of Investment Recovery.

Maureen retired from Shell Oil after 34 years of service starting in West Texas Operations (gang hand to O&M rig supervisor) to a number of challenging assignments in Houston. Operations, Production Engineering and Facilities Engineering were recurrent themes where she specialized in technical integrity and CO₂ flooding. Assignments in Production Engineering included highlights such as pioneering the use of foamed cement in Workovers. Favorite assignment was Team Lead of Inventory Utilization where she bought, sold and rebuilt Shell surplus equipment (junk) to impact lead-time and seriously influence cost savings (averaging \$20M/year).

She credits her continuous employment to NMT education, is a real people person and has enjoyed (?) overcoming the challenges that women often face in such industries. When she started college there were 3 women in the Mining Engineering Dept. In awe of the positive changes at NMT including the many achievements and successes that are evident. Additionally, the number of students overall and, in particular, the number of women pursuing education at NMT brings feelings of great pride and hope. She aspires to support, mentor and encourage other women to bring their skills and intelligence to making our world, and NMT, a better place for all.