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Hilary Davidson is director of sustainability and community affairs for Duke Energy. She is responsible for directing Duke Energy's sustainability outreach strategies. Davidson joined Duke Power in 1985 as an associate scientist in the nuclear production department where she provided guidance on solid and hazardous waste management in compliance with local, state and federal regulations. She was named scientist in the corporate materials department in 1990 and manager of environmental excellence in 1993. Davidson was named director of environmental health and safety integration during the company's merger with PanEnergy Corp. in 1997. In that role, she managed the successful integration of environmental policy and strategy for several of the company's lines of business, including real estate development, water operations, telecommunications, and regulated electric power. She also led production of the company's first post-merger external environmental report. Since 2003, Davidson served as director of Duke Energy's corporate community relations organization. She led the company's community outreach and philanthropic giving organization, including The Duke Energy Foundation, employee volunteerism, retiree affairs, federated campaigns and community engagement. She was named to her current position in March 2008. Before joining the company, Davidson was an information specialist for Geo-Resource Consultants, an environmental regulatory consulting firm in Washington, D.C., from 1984 to 1985. She consulted on RCRA and Superfund regulations, implementation, history and EPA policy interpretations. The Hanover, N.H., native earned a bachelor of science degree in geology from Emory University and a master of science degree in civil engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC). Davidson is a board member of Discovery Place and serves on the UNCC's advisory board at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education Center and the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. She is also president emeritus and a current board member of both the Charlotte Area Science Network and the Charlotte Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society. Davidson previously served as vice president of The Duke Energy Foundation and as a board member for the Conference Board's Community and Public Issues Council, the Global Environmental Management Initiative and for the North Carolina Big Sweep organization. She and her husband, Martin, have two sons.

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