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Finola Howe is the director of the environmental programs for the Supplies organization in the Imaging and Printing Group at HP. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing worldwide regulatory compliance, toxicology, recycling technology development, product stewardship and design for environment programs. Howe manages a team of environmental professionals and interfaces closely with HP's corporate environmental and regulatory teams.

Howe first joined HP in 1995 as a test engineer and later became a product engineering manager in the Inkjet Manufacturing business at HP's Dublin manufacturing plant. In 2000, Howe assumed the product engineering manager role at HP's Puerto Rico inkjet manufacturing facility. She was instrumental in leading the successful transfer of the worldwide engineering and manufacturing of a major product line from Ireland to Puerto Rico. She developed the product manufacturing infrastructure and technical knowledge base to enable this transfer. In 2003, she moved to San Diego and took on the role as the Director of the Supplies Environmental Programs. She moved back to Ireland in 2006, and currently resides there.

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Prior to HP, Howe held positions for two years in the Aeronautical Design business for Short's Brothers Ltd, a subsidiary of Bombardier, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Howe holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a diploma in industrial studies from the University of Ulster in Belfast. Her technical background includes focus in reverse engineering, rapid prototyping and CAD/manufacturing.

Howe has been published in "Advanced Manufacturing Technology" magazine in Ireland.