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Dr. Anne Cope joined IBHS in 2009 just a few months before the groundbreaking for construction of the IBHS Research Center in Richburg, South Carolina. As Chief Engineer, she leads the development of research programs to improve the performance of structures in hurricanes, wildfires, severe thunderstorms and hailstorms, as well as the team of engineers, scientists and skilled craftsman who conduct research on full-scale homes and commercial buildings. She is responsible for the team's implementation of research findings into building codes and standards.

Prior to joining IBHS, Dr. Cope was a project manager and structural engineer with Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc., designing projects for NASA, the Department of Defense and commercial launch operations. Dr. Cope's research encompasses topics ranging from the full-scale simulation of wind effects on buildings to detailed studies of the vulnerabilities of buildings to natural hazards and the development of damage prediction models. She is also a proud veteran of the United States Army. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Clemson University, and her doctorate from the University of Florida. She is a registered professional engineer in Florida and South Carolina.