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SUMMARY

Dedicated Senior Environmental Scientist with over eight years of rich experience in environmental investigations and regulatory compliance. Successfully led Phase I and II assessments while working closely with multidisciplinary teams to devise remediation strategies. Proven ability to draft comprehensive technical reports and presentations, translating complex environmental findings into actionable insights for stakeholders. Skilled in fostering client relationships, ensuring project budgets and schedules remain on track, and mentoring junior staff in best practices of environmental assessments. Passionate about contributing to innovative solutions for environmental challenges while adhering to health and safety regulations.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Environmental Scientist June 2019 - Present
EcoSmart Solutions Chicago, IL

Lead significant environmental projects including Phase I and II site assessments, guiding clients through regulatory frameworks and remediation solutions. Oversaw coordination with cross-functional teams, ensuring adherence to project goals and legal requirements. Provided higher-level project oversight for data collection, analysis, and reporting activities in alignment with compliance standards.

- Executed thorough field investigations, analyzing soil and groundwater samples and verifying QA/QC compliance to maintain data integrity.
- Drafted detailed technical reports on investigative findings which informed stakeholder decisions and further actions to address environmental concerns.
- Negotiated project scopes and budgets with clients, successfully acquiring new business opportunities through strong proposal writing and relationship management.
- Trained and mentored junior scientists, enhancing team capability by improving their knowledge of assessment techniques and regulatory compliance.
- Managed project timelines and deliverables by setting clear standards and expectations, achieving seamless communication across all project participants.
- Collaborated effectively with regulatory agencies ensuring consistent approvals and assuring that all projects remained within defined environmental guidelines.

Environmental Scientist March 2016 - May 2019
GreenField Consulting Naperville, IL

Focused on executing environmental surveys and impact assessments while ensuring compliance with state and federal mandates. Instrumental in securing necessary permits for multiple projects through effective interactions with regulatory bodies.

- Conducted detailed research and planned remediation strategies based on findings derived from environmental risk assessments.
- Developed project schedules that adhered to strict completion deadlines while managing resources efficiently across several projects simultaneously.
- Maintained proactive communication and engagement activities with community stakeholders, illustrating project implications and gathering crucial feedback.
- Oversaw fieldwork initiatives and provided quality checks on sample collection and processing to promote data accuracy and reliability.

Environmental Technician January 2015 - February 2016
TerraNova Services Peoria, IL

Provided critical support during ground investigations, capturing essential data through soil and water sampling efforts. Played a role in maintaining up-to-date project reports and records to ensure procedural compliance.

- Assisted lead scientists in creating and finalizing compliance documents and technical reports to present findings to internal and external stakeholders.
- Participated actively in client consultations, presenting investigation updates and addressing questions surrounding environmental criteria and standards.
- Monitored site conditions regularly, ensuring alignment with health and safety regulations as well as corporate policy adherence.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Certified Environmental Professional (2024)
- Recipient of the Eco Excellence Award for outstanding contributions in environmental assessments (2025)

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science 2015
University of Illinois at Chicago GPA: 3.6 Chicago, IL

Coursework: Ecology, Environmental Policy, Geochemistry, Risk Assessment

CERTIFICATIONS

- 40-Hour OSHA Health & Safety Training (HAZWOPER) 📅 2023
- Certified Environmental Professional 📅 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Environmental Software Tools:** AutoCAD, ArcGIS, MATLAB
- **Sampling Equipment:** Piezometers, Gas Chromatographs, Water Quality Test Kits
- **Data Analysis Techniques:** Statistical Methods, Risk Modeling, Geographic Information Systems
- **Reporting Standards:** ISO 14001, ASTM, CERCLA
- **Project Management Tools:** Trello, Microsoft Project, Asana
- **Communication Platforms:** Microsoft Office, Slack, Zoom
- **Collaboration Programs:** SharePoint, Google Workspace, Teamwork
- **Technical Writing Styles:** Research Papers, Technical Reports, Proposals
- **Safety Training Certifications:** HAZWOPER, CPR/AED, First Aid
- **Compliance Regulations:** RCRA, NEPA, Clean Water Act

SKILLS

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| • Environmental Assessments | • Project Management | • Client Relations | • Permit Acquisition |
| • Data Analysis | • Team Collaboration | • Risk Assessment | • Data Interpretation |
| • Regulatory Compliance | • Soil Sampling | • Field Investigations | • HSE Practices |
| • Technical Writing | • Water Sampling | • Compliance Reporting | • Business Development |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Society of Environmental Engineers
- Active Volunteer with local conservation programs focusing on urban sustainability

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST