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PROFILE/PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I have been employed with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for over 33 years. I have worked in multiple program areas and as a result, have experience with a wide variety of permitting, reporting, compliance, and remediation issues.

EMPLOYMENT:

June 2018-present

Environmental Scientist Manager South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (previously Department of Environment and Natural Resources)

Team Leader for the Spills Team which includes the following: Brownfields, Spills, Environmental Assessments, and Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III.

- Manage the Regulated Substance Response Contract (prepared the Request for Proposals (RFP), coordinated evaluation of proposals, made consultant recommendations to the Department Secretary).
- Prepare contract amendments.
- Supervise five staff members.
- Train and mentor new employees.
- Oversee the Brownfields, Environmental Assessments, Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III, and Spills Cleanup sections/programs.
- Responsible for determining cleanup requirements for spills, oversee and direct cleanup work, sign initial spill cleanup letters, and assign staff to oversee and direct cleanup work.

- Perform employee evaluations.
- Member of team that reviews drift complaint investigation decisions prior to issuance of enforcement letters and financial penalties.
- Speak with industry groups and other organizations (invited speaker at conferences and other events).
- Conduct annual on-line reporting assistance workshops.
- South Dakota Representative (alternate), to the Regional Response Team (RRT).
- State Emergency Response Commission designee.
- Member of the South Dakota Rail Plan Advisory Committee (2021-2022).

October 2005-June 2018

Environmental Program Scientist

South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Managed the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III program in South Dakota and assist the spills team with spill cases.

- Point of contact for SARA Title III reporting questions.
- Identified, contacted, and assisted storage and manufacturing facilities, to ensure reports were filed in compliance with SARA Title III.
- Reviewed hazardous material storage, handling, release, and disposal reports.
- Collected reporting fees.
- Made reports and data summaries available to first responders and the general public via online databases developed in cooperation with the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT).
- Held annual informational/compliance assistance workshops in various cities across the state.
- Held annual on-line reporting assistance workshops.
- Spoke with industry groups and other organizations (invited speaker at conferences and other events).
- Worked with Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to encourage local planning efforts.
- Collected LEPC membership rosters on an annual basis.
- Evaluated LEPC grant applications and make recommendations to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).
- Served as staff to the SERC.
- South Dakota Representative (alternate), to the Regional Response Team (RRT).
- Supervised seasonal staff and coordinated with/trained coworkers.
- Served as backup to the South Dakota spills program, taking spill calls and serving as a spill cleanup project manager.
- Served as the DENR contact for livestock emissions reporting questions.

September 2001 – October 2005

Environmental Project Scientist

South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Responsible for organizing sampling plans/schedules, completing Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) studies, and completing the Quality Management Plan (QMP).

- Was an initial point of contact for the public and other agencies.
- Performed fish and turtle kill investigations.
- Maintained/updated the federal Storage and Retrieval (STORET) and DENR fish sampling databases.
- Communicated/spoke with school groups and other organizations about surface water quality issues.
- Organized Mercury in fish flesh sampling efforts. Chose lakes to sample, species to target, and sampling methods.
- Wrote fish flesh sample collection procedures, put together sampling kits, and coordinated with Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GF&P) staff.
- Analyzed data to determine whether a fish consumption advisory was warranted (recommended advisories be issued for 4 lakes).
- Performed sampling and data collection work for UAA's.
- Organized data, made classification recommendations, and wrote over 40 UAA reports.
- Developed an "Access" database so samplers could track sampling frequency and analysis parameter requirements for designated WQM sites.
- Took Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) samples from designated sites.
- Was quality assurance officer for DENR sampling activities.
- Worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and wrote the departments first signed/approved QMP.
- Maintained the Surface Water Program webpage.

March 1998 - September 2001

Environmental Project Scientist

South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Responsible for performing hazardous waste inspections and managing Biennial Report submittals.

- Provided technical assistance to regulated hazardous waste facilities.
- Managed, collected, and solicited Biennial Hazardous Waste Report submittals.
- Performed hazardous waste inspections and wrote approximately 140 inspection reports.
- Wrote enforcement/settlement agreement documents.

- Assigned identification numbers.
- Maintained federal and state databases.
- Maintained the Waste Management Program webpage.

June 1997 - March 1998

Environmental Project Scientist

South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Responsible for performing solid waste inspections, writing general permits, and issuing authorization to operate.

- Initial point of contact for the public, regulated community, and other agencies for general permit questions.
- Primary contact for solid waste complaints.
- Wrote general and individual solid waste permits.
- Reviewed applications and issued authorization for facilities to operate under general permits.
- Performed solid waste inspections and wrote inspection reports.
- Reminded permitted/authorized sites of permit renewal deadlines and compliance dates.
- Received Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) certification for a Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO).
- Maintained the Waste Management Program webpage.

February 1995 - June 1997

Natural Resources Project Scientist

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Accepted spill reports and provided oversight/directed spill remediation activities.

- Initial point of contact for regulated substance spill/release events.
- Provided recommendations and directed cleanup/provided oversight for remedial work on an estimated 600 spill cases.
- Investigated citizen complaints.
- Spoke at conferences and other events.
- Prepared Preliminary Assessment (PA) documents for CERCLIS sites (pre-Superfund sites)

January 1990 – February 1995

Natural Resources Analyst

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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- Investigated citizen complaints.

Summers of 1988 and 1989

Park Ranger (seasonal)

United States Army Corps of Engineers - Fort Randall Project

Supported Corps of Engineers staff in efforts to accommodate campground visitors.

- Assisted with guest education/entertainment services in the Corps operated campgrounds.
- Assisted in preparation of the old Fort Randall site for an archaeological project.
- Patrol of campgrounds and other public access areas.
- Repair of signage and split rail.

Summers of 1986 and 1987

Tour Guide (seasonal)

United States Army Corps of Engineers - Fort Randall Project

Provided tours of the powerhouse.

- Directed just under 1000 powerhouse tours.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Minors in English and Chemistry
University of South Dakota, Vermillion, 1989

TRAINING

8-Hour OSHA HAZWOPER Annual Refresher March 20, 2023
*(Previous annual refresher course dates: - March 1, 2022;; April 13, 2021; April 14, 2020;
March 11, 2019; March 27, 2018; March 17, 2017; March 22, 2016;
March 10, 2015; March 18, 2014; March 13, 2013; March 20, 2012;
March 22, 2011; March 23, 2010; March 17, 2009; March 25, 2008;
March 13, 2007; March 14, 2006; March 15, 2005; March 16, 2004;
March 26, 2002; April 9, 2001; March 3, 2000; April 1, 1999;
March 31, 1998; April 2, 1997; April 26, 1996; April 4, 1995;*

	<i>April 12, 1994; April 1, 1993; and May 29, 1991)</i>
Sampling for Hazardous Materials	April 26-27, 2017
Defensive Driving	January 27, 2017
Phase I Environmental Assessments	March 28-29, 2006
Incident Command System (ICS) 100	January 8, 2006
Incident Command System (ICS) 200	January 16, 2006
Incident Command System (ICS) 300	April 3-5, 2006
Incident Command System (ICS) 400	June 8-9, 2006
Applied Environmental Statistics	October 3, 2003
Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Responder Awareness	December 13, 2001
RCRA Inspector Institute	May 11-15, 1998
Manager of Landfill Operations Training	July 22-25, 1997
Interview and Interrogation Techniques	December 4-6, 1995
Petroleum Assessment Workshop	May 1-2, 1994
Treatment Technologies for Superfund (165.3)	May 25-28, 1993
Introduction to Ground Water Investigations	February 4-6, 1992
Transport and Fate of Contaminants in the Subsurface	June 4-6, 1991
Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Materials	March 8, 1991
Personnel Protection and Safety - 40 hour (165.2)	June 18-22, 1990
Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (165.5)	April 16-20, 1990
Sampling for Hazardous Materials (165.9)	March 13-15, 1990

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Gardening, fishing, camping, hiking, and biking

REFERENCES

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