

Freestone Environmental Services, Inc. ([www.gofreestone.com](http://www.gofreestone.com)) a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, is seeking to hire an Environmental Scientist to provide support to the NOAA Assessment & Restoration Division (ARD) Southeast Branch, which is based in Saint Petersburg, FL. The position will be based out of either the St. Petersburg or Silver Spring (Office of Response and Restoration Headquarters) offices.

The Southeast Branch includes ocean and coastal areas from North Carolina south to Florida and west to Texas, including the Caribbean. The candidate designs and conducts Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA) for oil spills, waste sites, and vessel groundings in the SE region. In addition, the candidate participates with co-trustees to plan appropriate restoration for natural resource injuries and resolve liability; develops, implements and maintains mechanisms for effective all-hazards preparedness and response actions in the SE region; and supports the delivery of ARD products and services to the public. The candidate fosters cooperation and coordination within and outside of National Ocean Service (NOS) to achieve agency missions, goals, and objectives, including those of the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP) and Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R).

Responsibilities of the incumbent will include working with interdisciplinary and interagency groups to evaluate ecological injuries after hazardous materials releases – one being the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which includes developing and conducting studies to determine the appropriate type and scale of restoration to compensate the public for natural resource injuries.

**Core Responsibilities:**

- Employee shall provide technical support for the successful design and conduct of natural resource damage assessments.
- Employee shall participate in scaling the level of restoration necessary to compensate the public and the environment for injuries to natural resources.
- Employee shall participate in negotiating settlements and agreements to obtain habitat restoration within the Gulf of Mexico region.
- Employee shall provide recommendations for aquatic ecological risk assessment and integrating restoration and recovery into cleanup plans for hazardous waste sites.
- Employee shall recommend and participate in monitoring projects to ensure cleanup or restoration objectives are met.

**Qualifications:**

**Required Qualifications:**

- Master's or Doctorate degree in environmental science, preferably in one of more of the following sub-disciplines: aquatic toxicology, fisheries ecology, environmental engineering; or environmental policy with an emphasis in quantitative analysis.
- Strong verbal and writing skills.
- Strong computer and analytical skills
- Self-motivated, energetic, strategic thinker.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Experience in assessing risk or injury to Gulf of Mexico coastal aquatic species and habitats.
- Knowledge of Gulf of Mexico coastal and offshore ecosystem function and services.
- Knowledge of damage assessment procedures mandated by OPA and CERCLA.

- Experience working in litigation.
- Experience working on interdisciplinary teams.
- Participation in negotiations on environmental issues.
- Knowledge of oil chemistry and effects of oil on natural resources.

**To Apply:**

Please send your resume, cover letter explaining how your qualifications meet the requirements as well as indicate whether you have a preference for the job location (Silver Spring or St. Petersburg), Freestone job application, contact information for three (3) references, and salary requirements to: [fesadmin@gofreestone.com](mailto:fesadmin@gofreestone.com) with the following subject heading: **NOAA Environmental Scientist.** The position is open until filled.

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