



Environmental Scientist
Office of Response and Restoration
Ann Arbor, MI

Freestone Environmental Services, Inc. (www.gofreestone.com), a multidisciplinary consulting firm, seeks an Environmental Scientist to conduct natural resource damage assessments and support cleanup and restoration of contaminated sites in the Great Lakes Region. This individual will work with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R, <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/>), Assessment and Restoration Division under the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP-www.DARRP.noaa.gov/) and as part of NOAA's Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program in the areas of damage assessment for hazardous waste sites and oil spills in the Great Lakes. This position is located in NOAA's Ann Arbor, Michigan offices.

The OR&R Assessment and Restoration Division's mission is to protect and restore coastal and marine resources injured by the release of oil or hazardous substances or direct physical impacts such as vessel groundings. Additionally, since the inception of the interagency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in fiscal year 2010, OR&R has been involved in the management of one of the initiatives' five focus areas (Toxics). Responsibilities of the incumbent generally will focus on providing technical support for natural resource damage assessments and may include support of NOAA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Toxics Focus Area efforts. This position also provides the opportunity to potentially work on assessment cases in the Pacific Northwest and nationally. Specific responsibilities include those listed below.

Core Responsibilities:

- Identify and quantify injuries to natural resources at hazardous waste and oil spill sites in coordination with a NOAA team and other Federal and State partners. This will include study design and implementation to determine injury.
- Participate in scaling the level of restoration necessary to compensate the public and the environment for resource injuries.
- Provide recommendations for aquatic ecological risk assessment and integrate resource recovery information into damage assessments for hazardous waste sites.
- Coordinate natural resource damage assessment activities with restoration activities in Areas of Concern.
- Participate in negotiating settlements and agreements to obtain habitat restoration and compensate the public for natural resource losses.
- Recommend and participate in monitoring projects to ensure protection and restoration objectives are met.
- Support NOAA's efforts under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Toxics Focus Area, such as developing project templates (proposals); managing activities of principal investigators; budgeting and prioritizing expenditures; resolving billing and spending concerns; and coordinating with activities conducted under other focus areas.
- Coordinate and connect OR&R Assessment and Restoration Division's activities occurring in the Great Lakes with other regional NOAA activities.
- Plan and participate in trainings, oil spill drills, workshops, conferences and any other appropriate opportunities that develop damage assessment awareness, skill, and readiness in the region.
- Provide coordination and support in various aspects of outreach related to casework and other ARD activities in the region.

Qualifications:**Required Qualifications:**

- Master's or Doctorate degree in environmental science, preferably in one of more of the following sub-disciplines: aquatic toxicology, environmental chemistry, coastal ecology, environmental engineering; or environmental policy with an emphasis in quantitative analysis.
- Most have at least five years of experience in a related field.
- Experience in assessing injury to contaminated coastal aquatic species and habitats.
- Strong verbal and writing skills.
- Strong computer and analytical skills
- Self-motivated, energetic, strategic thinker.
- Ability to work independently.

Desired Qualifications:

- Familiarity with Great Lakes coastal and aquatic species and habitats.
- Knowledge of damage assessment procedures mandated by CERCLA and OPA.
- Experience working in litigation or negotiating settlements to resolve environmental liability.
- Familiarity with the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- Experience in managing complex environmental projects, including building consensus around goals and objectives, and tracking and reporting on accomplishments.

To Apply:

Please send your resume, contact information for three (3) references, cover letter explaining how your qualifications meet the requirements of the position, and a Freestone application (found at: <http://www.gofreestone.com/careers/>) to: fesadmin@gofreestone.com with the following subject line: NOAA1501 Env Scientist.

Inclusion of copies of undergraduate and graduate college transcripts and a writing sample (preferably a technical paper or report) is encouraged. The vacancy announcement is open until filled. The salary for this position is commensurate with experience.

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