



Environmental Scientist
NOAA Assessment & Restoration Division
Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Freestone Environmental Services, Inc. (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 the St. Petersburg office.

Overview:

The Southeast Branch's region includes ocean and coastal areas from North Carolina south to Florida and west to Texas, including the Caribbean. The candidate supports NOAA ARD Regional Resource Coordinators in designing and conducting Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA) for oil spills, waste sites, and vessel groundings in the SE region. In addition, the candidate participates with other State and Federal agencies to plan appropriate restoration for natural resource injuries and resolve liability; develop, implement and maintain mechanisms for effective all-hazards preparedness and response actions in the SE region; and support the delivery of ARD products and services to the public. The candidate fosters cooperation and coordination within and outside of the 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 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 implementation of natural resource damage assessments.
- Employee will respond, with short notice, on-scene to incidents throughout the Southeast Region to support NRDA evaluation and determination.
- 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 preparing for negotiating settlements and agreements to obtain natural resource and habitat restoration within the Gulf of Mexico region.
- Employee shall provide recommendations for aquatic ecological risk assessment and where possible, 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 biological, physical, or environmental sciences, 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 written and verbal communication skills.

- Strong computer and analytical skills
- Self-motivated, energetic, strategic thinker
- Strong networking skills

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in assessing risk or injury to Gulf of Mexico marine and estuarine species and habitats.
- Knowledge of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic 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 submit your resume, writing sample, contact information for three references, Freestone application form, and a cover letter explaining how your qualifications meet the requirements of the position to: jobs@gofreestone.com with the following subject line: **Environmental Scientist**.

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