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Education

Master of Natural Sciences, Louisiana State University, 1988
Microbiology (Minor--Zoology)

Bachelor of Science, Louisiana State University, 1985
Microbiology

Certifications and Memberships

Certified as an Environmental Laboratory Analyst by the Louisiana Environmental Lab Analyst Association

National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Accreditation Council Vice Chair, 2013-18

National Environmental Field Accreditation Program (NEFAP) Executive Council member, 2013-current

NEFAP Recognition Committee member, 2013-current
NEFAP Mobile Laboratory Subcommittee chair, 2013-2016
NEFAP Marketing Subcommittee member, 2014-18

The NELAC Institute Field Activities Task Force chair 2018-current

Work History

2018-Present **State of Louisiana**

Environmental Scientist Manager

Managing the Notifications and Accreditations Section of the Public Participation and Permit Support Division, which includes the Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program and the Waste and Accreditation Reporting group. Received delegated authority to sign accreditations for asbestos and lead, training provider recognition, registration for solid waste transporters and registration for solid waste generators. Completed Hazwoper refresher courses from 2017 and 2019.

2007-2018

Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Supervising and providing oversight of all operations involved in the auditing, assessment and accreditation of environmental laboratories and stack and engine (emission) testing companies. Providing technical input to LDEQ staff regarding laboratory accreditation requirements. Reviewing laboratory quality control/quality assurance procedures and documents, and formulation of technical and administrative policies and procedures for the laboratory accreditation section. Developing proposed language regarding laboratory procedures pursuant to the requirements identified in Louisiana state environmental regulations. Provided assessor basic and refresher training 2011-2016; providing assessor technical training in microbiology. Volunteered for Emergency Response on-call weekend duty 2013-2016. Current staff includes three assessors and one clerk. Completed Hazwoper refresher courses from 2008-2016.

2005-2007

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Inspected permitted facilities and conducted complaint investigations for the Air Quality group of the Surveillance Division of the Office of Environmental Compliance of the Department of Environmental Quality. Coordinator for Visible Emissions Workshop (Smoke School) and certified to perform 40 CFR 60 Appendix A Reference Method 9 from 2005-2006. Also assisted as observer of trial burns of hazardous wastes, drafting laboratory accreditation regulations, and training assessors for the only emission tester accreditation program at the state level in the United States. Completed Odor Awareness Training Program and Basic Inspector Training in 2005; Completed EPA Region 6-Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Air Inspector's Workshop, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Training, and FEMA Incident Command Training in 2006; California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board Enforcement Division Training, EPA Region 6-ADEQ National Pollution Discharge Evaluation System Inspector's Workshop, and Infrared Training Center Workshop in 2007; completed Air Pollution Training Academy courses and Hazwoper refresher courses from 2005-2006.

2000-2004

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Assessed laboratories participating in the Louisiana Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (LELAP) of the Laboratory Services Division of the Office of Environmental Assessment of the Department of Environmental Quality. Conducted onsite inspections of laboratory field operations and home base operations, including reviews of personnel qualifications, quality assurance programs, record and record keeping, and performance evaluation testing. Maintained computer file of all assigned laboratories and correspondence on behalf of the program administrator. Researched rules and requirements of other laboratory accrediting authorities for the purpose of establishing reciprocity between those authorities and LELAP. Also served as Safety Officer of the Water Laboratory 2001-2004. Member of staff that attained status as national accrediting authority for the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program in 2001. Completed 40 Hour Hazwoper Course in 2000, Analytical Excellence, Inc. Data Integrity Workshop in 2002, American Council of Independent Laboratories auditor training course in 2002, Summa Consultants Emission Testers Workshop in 2002, EPA Detecting Improper Laboratory Practices Course in 2002, Analytical Excellence, Inc. Calibration and Manual Integration Course in 2003, Advanced Systems, Inc. auditor training course in 2003; completed annual Hazwoper Refreshers since 2001 and Analytical Excellence, Inc Data Integrity Workshops since 2002.

Reference

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