

Volunteer/Unpaid, DENVER, CO – EPA Region 8, Solid and Hazardous Waste Project (CLOSING DATE: 04/05/2019)

Background: The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and its associated regulations lay out the requirements for the proper management of hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Non-hazardous solid waste is regulated under Subtitle D of RCRA. Subtitle D regulations ban open dumping of waste and set minimum federal criteria for the operation of solid waste landfills. States play a lead role in implementing these regulations and may set more stringent requirements. Hazardous waste is regulated under Subtitle C of RCRA. EPA has developed a comprehensive program to ensure that hazardous waste is managed safely from the moment it is generated to its final disposal (cradle-to-grave). Under Subtitle C, EPA may authorize states to implement key provisions of hazardous waste requirements in lieu of the federal government.

Job Description: To research the regulatory status of a specific industry byproduct across states. Some states' statutes exempt this byproduct from regulation under their adopted RCRA statutes or regulations as a waste and other regulate it as a waste but allow its use in certain circumstances. Other states do not explicitly regulate the material. Understanding how states across the nation regulate this material will help the EPA Region 8 RCRA Program make informed decisions and recommendations to Region 8 states and facilities. Gain marketable experience in the foundations of RCRA!

Specific duties may include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Online researching
- Representing findings in Excel
- Writing summaries of findings
- Developing follow-up questions
- Potentially mapping findings
- Other duties as needed

Desired Skills:

- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Basic Excel and Word
- Ability to work both independently and on a team
- Attention to detail

Knowledge/Experience (optional, but a bonus): Mapping experience

Timeline: Intern will be on board for a minimum of 3 months, maximum of 4 months (there may be an opportunity to extend for a maximum of 6 months, but this is not assured).

Desired hours per week: 20-40 (but may be negotiated)

Desired start date: May 2019 (but may be negotiated) (Note: From the time of acceptance, there will be a 2-4-week period prior to first day of work while paperwork is completed.)

How to Apply: Email your transcripts, resume and cover sheet to Amy Hensley at hensley.amy@epa.gov by Friday, April 5, 2019.

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