

Volunteer/Unpaid, DENVER, CO – EPA Region 8, Clean Water Act / NPDES Compliance Assistant Intern (CLOSING DATE: 03/26/2021)

Background:

Earth Day is every day at EPA! At EPA, you can protect human health and the environment of all Americans, and you'll discover that EPA is one great place to work! Our diverse workforce connects to more than just a career--we share a common passion to promote a cleaner, healthier environment. Discover how exciting safeguarding our natural resources and protecting human health can be.

Are you interested in helping to protect our nation's surface waters and the public health of those who use them? This position resides in the NPDES and Wetlands Enforcement Section, which is responsible for working with states and tribes in Region 8 to oversee compliance of thousands of facilities with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program under the Clean Water Act. The volunteer will have the opportunity to assist this team with compliance monitoring, compliance assistance and enforcement of surface water discharge regulations. Types of regulated operations include wastewater plants or lagoons, construction sites, various industries, landowners and municipal storm sewer systems.

Job Description:

This volunteer will assist the NPDES Enforcement team to identify facilities in Region 8 potentially out of compliance with rules/regulations. The volunteer may also develop outreach and correspondence to assist various facilities in achieving compliance. Specific duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Identify facilities out of compliance with pretreatment or stormwater rules based on analysis of facility reports and information in EPA data systems.
- Develop an inventory of facilities likely subject to specific regulatory requirements using EPA and publicly available data.
- Prepare compliance assistance materials to assist facilities with reporting their discharge data.
- Draft letters to potentially noncompliance facilities to seek additional information and/or recommend corrective actions.
- Other as needed.

Desired Skills:

- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Basic working knowledge of Excel, Word and Publisher
- General research skills
- Ability to work independently
- Works well on a team

Knowledge/Experience (optional, but a bonus): Coursework and interest in science or engineering.

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

Desired hours per week: Flexible (preference will be given to qualified candidates available to work more hours per week).

Desired start date: April to June (Flexible)

(Note: From the time of acceptance, there will be a 2-4-week period prior to first day of work while paperwork is completed.)

Work location: Flexible depending on the preference of the selected candidate. All work can be completed anywhere, including the Denver office or the candidate's home office.

How to Apply: Email your transcripts, resume and cover sheet to Mike Boeglin at Boeglin.michael@epa.gov by March 26, 2021. Applications will continue to be accepted up until May 1, 2021, but a selection may be made prior to this date.

For More Information: Michael Boeglin, Enforcement Compliance and Assurance Division, at Boeglin.michael@epa.gov.

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