

**Volunteer/Unpaid, DENVER, CO – EPA Region 8, RCRA Hazardous Waste Student Researcher
(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.

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. 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. 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.

Position Description:

As the RCRA Branch Intern you will work on EPA projects that serve to advance hazardous waste management and environmental protection within Region 8. You will gain marketable experience in both the technical and legal foundations of RCRA! Project to include:

- Working independently, and as a team member, researching and compiling data on waste issues related to industry specific wastes, hazardous and solid waste permitting, and data provided from outside regulatory agencies and industry.
- Compiling data on oil and gas waste facilities, assess operational status of facility, and document releases where applicable.
- Compiling data to aid EPA Region 8 RCRA Branch staff in making informed decisions and recommendations for complex environmental issues.
- Coordinating with EPA RCRA enforcement group to obtain enforcement actions on facilities in question.

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

- Online researching
- Present on research findings
- Representing findings in Excel
- Writing summaries of findings
- Developing follow-up questions
- Potentially mapping findings
- Other 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): GIS experience

Timeline: Intern will be on board for a minimum of 2 months, with a goal of 3 months (there may be an opportunity to extend for a maximum of 4 months, but this is not assured).

Desired hours per week: 20-40 (negotiable)

Desired start date: May 2021

(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: This internship can be done virtually

How to Apply: Email your transcripts, resume and cover sheet to Amy Hensley at hensley.amy@epa.gov. Open until filled.

For More Information: Contact Amy Hensley at Hensley.amy@epa.gov

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