
Bree L. Bennett

EDUCATION:

Quality of Life Leadership Academy: 2015-2016
Certificate in Watershed Management, MSU: May 2006

M.S. Sustainable Mgmt; University of Wisconsin; 2025
B.S. Environmental Science; Spanish Minor;
Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA; May 2003

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Division Advocate on EGLE Climate and Energy Taskforce developed an inventory of Climate mitigation opportunities; currently on RRD subcommittee 2019-Present
- Division Advocate on Michigan Interagency Environmental Justice (EJ) Workgroup advocate for EJ policies and procedures to lift EJ communities in Michigan 2019-2021
- Group Lead-Interstate Technical and Regulatory Council, Sustainable and Resilient Remediation Team-develop an interactive framework to integrate sustainability and resilience into the project lifecycle 2019-2021
- Regional Point of Contact for Technical Assistance and Program Support Team 2012-2022

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant District Supervisor-EGLE-RRD

(October 2021-Present)

- Supervise, manage, and coordinate staff to implement state-funded cleanup and private party compliance programs.
- Prioritize work, assign tasks, set priorities, identify funding, ensure quality, devise problem resolution strategies.
- Develop department and division policy on technical and administrative issues.
- Represent division mission and values in meetings with the regulated community, citizens, and other public agencies.
- Review staff recommendations on technical and statutory issues, provide feedback, and make programmatic decisions.
- Provide management assistance to the District Supervisor, to maintain operations in the district office.
- Track progress with targets, budgets, and time schedules for achieving project goals at state funded cleanup projects.

Senior Environmental Quality Analyst-EGLE-RRD

(July 2012-October 2021)

- Drive cross-functional team to achieve risk management goals through compliance and enforcement at clean-up sites.
- Provide direct counseling on enforcement issues and environmental rules and regulations to district staff.
- Act as a resource for staff, present, participate, and provide feedback at statewide compliance meetings.
- Coordinate activities between department staff and/or attorney general staff, potentially liable parties
- Outreach to local Health Departments to educate about the Clean-up programs, including conference presentation.
- Policy and tool development, identify programmatic overlap, improve communication, and update legislation.
- Designed and hosted workshop between State Departments to improve communication and collaboration.

Environmental Quality Analyst (EQA)-EGLE-RRD

(March 2005-July 2012)

- Project Management of State funded sites manage contracts, budgets and schedules.
- Coordinate consulting and trade contractors, oversee actions at sites of environmental contamination.
- Private Party oversight of response activities, evaluate liable party compliance.
- Respond to Pollution Emergency Alert System calls: Assist municipal officials and emergency responders.
- Coordinate and participate in public meetings regarding sites of environmental contamination.

EQA-EGLE-Environmental Science and Services Division

(Jan 2004-March 2005)

- Project Manager for the State Revolving Funds Programs under Parts 53, 54 of 1994 PA 451.
- Manage and coordinate activities of clean water and drinking water multi-million dollar loan agreements.
- Research and write environmental assessments; Work with local citizens to address project concerns.
- Work with community officials, consulting firms, and other sectors of government to improve water quality.
- Make decisions regarding program eligibility issues, project plan completeness, and negotiate project schedules

Environmental Database Manager- Pfizer

(Sept-Dec 2003)

- Created and organized chemical database related to the integration of two companies into Pfizer.

Research Assistant - University of Chicago, Kellogg Biological Station

(May-Sept 2003)

- Conducted field and lab experiments on the virus Nucleopolyhedrosis and its impacts on the invasive gypsy moth.