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Environmental Bureau Chief of the Environmental Bureau of the Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico. (1993-present) BSEE 1969 NMSU

As the Environmental Bureau Chief, my responsibilities and tasks include managing the bureau staff in their duties. The bureau staff that I oversee are responsible for the oversight, inspection, and permitting of the state's oil refineries, crude oil pump stations, EPA UIC Class I, III, and geothermal wells, gas plants, gas compressor stations, oilfield service companies, and the management of over 400 active remediation and abatement plans throughout the state.

I lead and manage the bureau staff as they draft proposed rules, regulations and guidelines in support of the New Mexico Water Quality Act and the Oil and Gas Act. The primary mandated responsibility is to provide adequate protection for public health, safety, fresh water and the environment. I conduct and attend stakeholders meetings to ensure that OCD's enforcement of environmental regulations is consistent throughout the division.

I act as an expert technical witness for the division concerning environmental and regulatory issues including evaluation and use of vadose zone and ground water models. I am presently a Commissioner on the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission. This is an extremely important function as all of the state's water rules and regulations are promulgated through this commission.

I worked in the OCD Hobbs District office as an environmental engineer, where my duties included witnessing and evaluating mechanical integrity tests (MIT's) for EPA Class II and III wells, maintained files for discharge permits, processed C-141 spill reports, and C-138 waste management approvals.

I also inspected OCD-regulated facilities, collected soil and water samples, performed well logging, processed APDs, analyzed lab reports, reviewed and evaluated remediation plans, and provided training to industry on OCD rules, regulations and guidelines.

My duties also include preparing the annual safety-training budget, maintaining the division's laboratory contract, conducting safety and environmental training, purchasing safety devices and technical equipment for the division. Additional tasks include managing the EPA's mandated quality assurance and quality control program. All federal grant money is contingent upon this very important task. OCD received an A+ on a recent EPA audit.

<u>Unichem International (1983-1993)</u> Manager of engineering and environmental projects for Unichem's domestic operations. I provided project oversight, maintained cost controls, prepared budgets and supervised technical employees for engineering and environmental operations throughout the continental United States. Projects included the design, construction, start-up of chemical plants, abatement of contaminated sites, and environmental permitting.

I implemented environmental best management practices and waste management policies for Unichem's company-wide operations. I also created a permit tracking system for all ground water discharge, air quality, NPDES, stormwater, SPCC, RCRA, and local permits.

I also worked in the oil field as a roustabout and drilling rig roughneck during college summers.