



Environmental Response Specialist

Permanent/Full-Time

Competition Number: 202123

BC Oil & Gas Commission, Fort St. John

Grid 27: \$87,953.25 - \$100,360.01*

**Posted salary includes a JFMM Allowance of 20% and a Location Allowance of 3%*

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PURPOSE OF POSITION

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The ERS works through the Executive Director, Compliance & Enforcement to enhance systematic approaches, policies, and procedures to ensure consistent and appropriate management and documentation of spillage from oil and gas activities. The ERS also works to ensure and maintain coordinated approaches and interaction with other related agencies.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Bachelor's Degree in the natural resource field (including chemistry, biology, earth sciences, environmental engineering) in environmental protection, spill response and/or emergency management plus 3 years related experience OR
- Diploma, or equivalent in the natural resource field (including chemistry, biology, earth sciences, environmental engineering) in environmental protection, spill response and / or emergency management plus 5 years related experience OR
- Grade 12 plus 10 years related experience.
- Experience in environmental emergency response under the *Environmental Management Act* including attending or responding to hazardous materials spills, assessing spill related hazards or threats to health or the environment, determining if spill response actions are necessary to address hazards or threats, and monitoring/supervising spill response actions, and / or;
- Experience in environmental protection and pollution prevention under *the Environmental Management Act* including assessing environmental impacts or pollution associated with discharges of waste to the environment and characterizing and managing waste materials, and / or;
- Experience in emergency management (hazmat emergency response, spill response, cleanup and remediation, fire department suppression activities, transportation of dangerous goods, spill contingency planning, oil spill response).

If you are interested in applying for this role and meet the minimum selection criteria, please select "[Apply Now](#)" and submit your cover letter and resume **prior to 11:00 pm on Friday, July 2, 2021**. Please note, applicants will only be contacted if they are selected to proceed further in the process. An eligibility list with a duration of 6 months may be established.

For More Information:

Recruitment 250-419-6609

POSITION TITLE:	Environmental Response Specialist	POSITION #:	573675
DIVISION:	Applications and Operations	CLASSIFICATION:	Grid 27
Program Area:	Operations	LOCATION:	Fort St. John
SUPERVISOR'S TITLE:	Executive Director, Compliance & Enforcement	POSITION #:	573919
SUPERVISOR'S CLASSIFICATION:	Management Band C	LOCATION:	Fort St. John

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The Commission's core roles include reviewing and assessing applications for industry activity, consulting with First Nations, ensuring industry complies with provincial legislation and cooperating with partner agencies. The public interest is protected through the objectives of ensuring public safety, protecting the environment, conserving petroleum resources and ensuring equitable participation in production.

JOB OVERVIEW

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ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Ensures consistent management and follow up to incident reports involving spills or releases;
- Conducts follow up investigation as required which may involve site visits to determine that the appropriate response actions were taken, and follow up at sites with longer term remediation issues;
- Gathers evidence for legal proceedings and testifying in court where required;
- Provides authoritative, technical direction to industry, environmental consultants, governments, staff, stakeholders and the public for acceptable waste management policy, legislation, handling, storage, disposal or discharge for the upstream oil and gas industry;
- Prepares technical recommendation and directions to the Executive Director, regarding issuance of determination and approvals based upon technical review and analysis of waste and terminal destination, impacts, preliminary and detailed site investigation reports, remediation plans and confirmation of remediation reports;
- Analyses applications for technical completeness, performing direct consultation with proponents, instructing on requirements of the OGC, advising on requirements of other regulatory agencies and governments;

- Develops and negotiates terms of reference with clients and QEP's to establish authorization and operational certificate discharge conditions to mitigate environmental impact;
- Negotiates with applicants for further studies, changes of additions to proposed waste treatment and storage facilities, including emergency measures and spill contingency plans;
- Prepares the discharge, or storage authorization documents and letters of transmittal specifying programs to be implemented and necessary security requirements on behalf of the section head;
- Prepares appeal response of permit and operational certificate conditions if appealed by applicants or affected parties and presents information to the Environmental Review Board on behalf of the Executive Director;
- Audits, or investigates non-compliance of a statutory authorization, evaluates and characterizes environmental impacts and summarizes information in report form and determines the most effective method to mitigate environmental impacts of a non-compliance through technical assessment, negotiations and problem resolution;
- Reviews, assesses and provides technical advice and recommendations to environmental protection plans produced by QEP's;
- Provides technical assessment on reports submitted on environmental issues, identifies concerns of others (agencies, stakeholders and elected officials) resolving differences and formulating strategies on proposed discharges;
- Performs and supports environmental monitoring actions undertaken by the commission;
- Answers queries from and provides technical advice to, OGC headquarters staff, MOE, MEMPR, other government agencies, QEP's, the public and stakeholders regarding oil and gas field operations waste management;
- Plans, organizes and represents the Commission at technical seminars, stakeholder events, staff training and development opportunities;
- Maintains and updates a comprehensive knowledge of oil and gas field waste materials, water, well drilling/completion/workover fluids, gases, and other wastes as well as mitigative and remediation technologies through independent research and attending conferences, seminars and training courses;

ORGANIZATION CHART

Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer
 Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
 Vice President, Operations
 Executive Director, Compliance & Enforcement
Environmental Response Specialist – Topic Position

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

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Experience:

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KEY COMPETENCIES

Problem Solving/Judgement - is the ability to analyze problems systematically, organize information, identify key factors, identify underlying causes and generate solutions.

Conflict Management - is the ability to develop working relationships that facilitate the prevention and/or resolution of conflicts within the organization.

Customer/Client Development - involves the genuine intent to foster the learning or development of a diverse clientele. "Customers/clients" include the public, internal clients, colleagues, partners, co-workers, peers, branches, ministries/agencies and other government organizations.

Impact and Influence - is the ability to influence, persuade, or convince others to adopt a specific course of action. It involves the use of persuasive techniques, presentations or negotiation skills to achieve desired results.

Teamwork and Co-operation - is the ability to work co-operatively within diverse teams, work groups and across the organization to achieve group and organizational goals. It includes the desire and ability to understand and respond effectively to other people from diverse backgrounds with diverse views.

June 7, 2021

DATE



EXCLUDED MANAGER SIGNATURE