George Rice Groundwater Hydrologist

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General

More than 20 years experience in groundwater contamination investigations.

Education

M.S. Hydrology, University of Arizona, 1991 B.S. Hydrology, University of Arizona, 1979

Employment History

1993: Consultant 1988 - 1993: The MITRE Corporation, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas 1983 - 1988: SHB Geotechnical Engineers, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico 1980 - 1983: University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

1979 - 1980: U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Vancouver, Washington

Experience

- Design and install monitor well networks.
- Design, perform, and analyze aquifer tests.
- Design and install vadose zone monitor networks.
- Design and conduct groundwater sampling programs.
- Apply groundwater flow and contaminant transport models to predict the fate of groundwater contaminants (MODFLOW, MT3D, MOC3D).
- Participate in multidisciplinary teams to select and design hazardous waste disposal sites.
- Conduct third party reviews of environmental documents and field programs.
- Expert Witness.

Representative Projects

Site Characterization - Principal hydrologist responsible for the hydrologic characterization of low-level radioactive and hazardous waste sites throughout the western United States. The goals of these studies were to determine the extent and intensity of any metals or radionuclide contamination, estimate the rate and direction of contaminant movement, and predict future concentrations at receptor sites. Achievement of these goals required the installation of monitor well networks, installation of vadose zone monitoring instruments, groundwater sampling, the performance and analysis of aquifer tests, and the integration of data into a coherent conceptual model of each site.

Contaminant Transport Modeling - Used two and three-dimensional models to design pump and treat systems and estimate the effects of proposed remedial actions on future water quality. Conducted studies to estimate the time required for contaminants to reach potential receptors and estimate contaminant concentrations after plumes reached receptors.

Waste Repository Design - Principal hydrologist responsible for estimating the effects of remedial designs on future groundwater quality at low-level nuclear waste repositories in Arizona and Colorado. This required working closely with geotechnical and civil engineers to produce designs that incorporated the hydrologic characteristics required to meet water quality standards.

Field Methods Instructor - Member of a team that taught environmental field techniques to Air Force personnel. The four-day course consisted of lectures and field trips. It focused on monitor well design, monitor well construction, sampling program design, and groundwater sampling techniques.

Quality Assurance Manager - Manager of hydrology group responsible for evaluating environmental work performed at Air Force bases throughout the United States. Evaluated reports, hydrologic analyses, and field work related to Preliminary Assessments and Site Inspections (PA/SI), Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies (RI/FS), and Remedial Actions (RA). These evaluations usually resulted in recommendations for improving overall program design, analytical techniques, or field procedures.

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