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Limitations

This report summarizes work performed to date and presents the findings resulting from this work. The findings presented herein are made to a reasonable degree of engineering and scientific certainty. Exponent reserves the right to supplement this report and to expand or modify opinions based on review of additional material as it becomes available through ongoing discovery and/or through any additional work or review of additional work performed by others.
1 Introduction

I, Dr. Mark W. Johns, submit this expert report in the matter of Orutsararmiut Native Council v. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Donlin Gold LLC 3AN-21-06502 CI (AK SCT 2021a, b). This case involves the evaluation of potential impacts to surface water of nearby streams from mercury loading and temperature changes resulting from the proposed Donlin Mine located in southwest Alaska.

I have been retained by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to provide a third-party expert review and analysis of two recently submitted reports by Donlin Gold LLC (BGC 2021; Fernandez 2021; Fjelstad 2022; Ramboll 2021) to ADEC and Earthjustice regarding potential impacts from mercury and temperature changes. These two documents are:


1.1 Qualifications

I am a Principal Scientist in the Environmental and Earth Sciences Practice group at Exponent. Exponent is a scientific and engineering consulting firm headquartered in Menlo Park, California. I am based in the Bellevue, Washington office. I have held the position of Principal Scientist at Exponent since 2003 and Office Director since 2014. As a Principal Scientist of the firm, I provide program management and technical consulting services. I have evaluated and have knowledge of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), National Contingency Plan (NCP), Clean Water Act of 1977 (CWA) and state regulatory issues. My experience includes remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) analysis; cost estimation; environmental litigation technical support;
environmental transport and fate analysis; site investigation, remediation, and closure;
contaminated site redevelopment; waste management; remedial performance evaluation; and
site assessments, compliance audits, and restoration projects. I specialize in the investigation,
management, remediation, recycling, disposal, cleanup, and closure of sites and facilities that
manage or are affected by hazardous and potentially hazardous materials, as well as other
materials regulated under CERCLA, RCRA, and various state laws and regulations.

I have a Ph.D. in Geological Oceanography from Texas A&M University, earned in 1985. I am
a licensed Geologist/Hydrogeologist in the State of Washington (LG-1262), a licensed
Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas (No. 3221), a licensed Professional Geoscientist
in Louisiana, and a registered Professional Geologist in the State of Wyoming (PG-3237). I
have also been registered with the Washington Department of Ecology Underground Storage
Tank Program since 1990. My training includes the following: 40-Hour Hazardous Waste
Operations and Emergency Response – Level A (HAZWOPER), 1986; 8-Hour HAZWOPER
Managers and Supervisor Training; Advanced Health and Safety for Hazardous Waste Site
Management, 1987; and 8-Hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
Annual Refreshers.

I have more than 30 years of experience in the field of environmental science. My curriculum
vitae, including a list of publications, is included as Appendix A. A list of cases from the
previous seven years, in which I have testified as an expert at trial or by deposition, is provided
in Appendix B.

I reserve the right to supplement and modify this report as and when additional information
becomes available to me or if I am asked to address other issues.

1.2 Documents Considered

In addition to my education, experience, and training, I reviewed the documents listed in the
reference section (section 6) and the documents considered section (appendix C) of this report. I
have relied on and/or reviewed documents provided by ADEC, and documents obtained by
Exponent.
2 Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) submitted the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Donlin Gold Project in 2018 (USACE 2018). The Corps prepared this FEIS to analyze the impacts of the proposed open pit, hardrock gold mine 10 miles north of the village of Crooked Creek on the Kuskokwim River. The Corps was the lead federal agency for the FEIS. The Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the State of Alaska; and the federally recognized Tribal governments of Akiak/Kuskokwim River Watershed Council, Crooked Creek, Chuathbaluk, Knik, Aniak and Napaimute were the cooperating agencies in developing the FEIS (USACE 2018).

Based on the FEIS, the ADEC Division of Water (Division) issued a certificate of reasonable assurance concluding that “…there is reasonable assurance that the proposed activity, as well as any discharge which may result, will comply with the applicable provisions of Section 401 of the CWA and the Alaska Water Quality Standards, 18 AAC 70….” (ADEC 2019).

Subsequently, the Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) challenged the certificate, contending that reasonable assurance is not possible with respect to Alaska’s water quality standards for mercury, temperature, and protection of existing uses (ADEC 2021). As a result, Donlin Gold LLC submitted additional documentation and evaluations on potential future impacts to stream water quality for temperature and mercury near the proposed mine. Two documents were submitted to ADEC and Earth Justice (Fernandez 2021; Fjelstad 2022):


The following sections provide a review of these documents.
3 Evaluation of Water Temperature Report

The following sections provide a description and evaluation of the surface water temperature report (BGC 2021).

3.1 Surface Water and Groundwater

The FEIS stated “Maximum recorded stream temperatures for Crooked Creek at Crevice Creek in June, July, and August are 45.8°F, 51.6°F, and 50.1°F, respectively. Under summer low flow conditions during mining operations, reductions in groundwater inputs to Crooked Creek could cause stream temperatures in reaches near the mine to be close to or above the State of Alaska’s water quality temperature standard of 55.4°F for egg/fry incubation and spawning and 59.0°F for migration and rearing.” BGC Engineering Inc. (BGC) prepared a quantitative analysis of Crooked Creek Stream temperature (BGC 2021) to evaluate potential stream temperature changes to Crooked Creek attributable to the proposed Donlin Gold Project (Project). The quantitative analysis provided the magnitude and frequency of potential temperature changes on a daily basis, where the qualitative analysis in the FEIS did not.

The FEIS evaluated stream temperatures qualitatively. It was anticipated that during the construction and operation phases, stream temperatures in the drainage downstream and in the vicinity of the mine site would remain relatively constant (USACE 2018). Although the volume of flow to Crooked Creek would be reduced by the diversion of surface water and groundwater from both American Creek and Snow Gulch drainages, the heat energy\(^1\) per unit volume of water was not expected to appreciably change (USACE 2018). The FEIS considered the average proposed surface water diversion and discharge to Crooked Creek during the operational period (USACE 2018) and concluded that the diverted pit surface and groundwater may have a slightly higher temperature than the untreated water from those sources (BGC 2021). However, when mixed with the large contribution of other diverted surface water before it is discharged to

\(^1\) Stream temperature is a measure of the amount of heat energy per unit volume of water (Poole et al. 2001; USACE 2018)
Crooked Creek, it is not be expected to have a measurable or noticeable change to the Crooked Creek water temperature\(^2\) regime (BGC 2021).

BGC water temperature analysis used existing information and data published in the FEIS to develop and quantitatively analyze stream temperature under proposed mine conditions (BGC 2021). The design for the project was first developed in 2015 and included water balance model flow schematics for annual average, above average, and below average precipitation flows (Weatherly 2015). Additional water balance schematics for proposed operations were developed for different stages of mine life. These figures showed detailed water balances for both surface and groundwater.

The design for the project was modified in 2016 (Weatherly 2016) using strategies to minimize the amount of contact water (surface water or groundwater that has contacted mining infrastructure) generated at the site during construction and operations (Weatherly 2016). These design features resulted in potential changes to surface water and groundwater flows in the Crooked Creek drainage. These changes were presented in a design memorandum that outlined the modifications to the site-wide water balance models and hydrogeologic models. The 2015 water Resources Management Plan (Weatherly 2015) was updated to include treatment of the following sources of contact water:

- Groundwater from the in-pit and pit perimeter wells
- Runoff reporting to the Seepage Recovery System (SRS) downstream of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF)
- Contact Water Dam (CWD) water
- TSF supernatant pond water

These changes impacted many parts of the proposed mine operations and resulted in surface runoff from rainfall, snowmelt, and groundwater seepage to be diverted and captured (Weatherly 2016). The drawdowns result in removal of water from the saturated alluvial

\(^2\) Stream temperature is a measure of the amount of heat energy per unit volume of water (Poole et al. 2001; USACE 2018).
sediments of the Crooked Creek valley bottom (Figure 1; BGC 2021). These revisions provided a detailed analysis of streamflow at three key Crooked Creek stream monitoring stations: American Creek (AMER), Anaconda Creek (ANDA) and Crooked Creek above Crevice Creek (CCAC) (USACE 2018; Weatherly 2016). AMER is located inside the western edge of the proposed pit and will no longer exist once the mine is constructed, and ANDA and CCAC are located further downstream (Figure 2; SRK 2017). Data reported for these stations include water temperature (every 30 minutes) and streamflow discharge for 2005 to 2009 and 2011 during the open water season (typically early June to late September). The data used in the FEIS analysis were presented in Appendix A of the 2021 report (BGC 2021).

### 3.2 2021 Surface Water Temperature Modeling

BGC 2021 used the existing stream flow and temperature data published in the FEIS combined with the proposed mine flow losses (Weatherly 2016) from American and Anaconda Creeks and developed a quantitative model of stream temperature. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Stream Segment Temperature Model (SSTEMP) was used for this analysis of stream temperature at the project site (BGC 2021). SSTEMP is designed to predict the mean daily water temperatures throughout a stream reach if good input data are used (Bartholow 2002).

The model was applied to the Donlin mine site and a modeling framework was developed for site specific conditions (BGC 2021). This framework consisted of monitoring stations (AMER, ANDA and CCAC), where both discharge and stream temperatures were measured and nodes (Qa and Q1 through Q5) where discharge and stream temperatures were modelled. The model evaluated 2005 baseline and end of mine life project conditions for Crooked Creek (Figure 3; Figure 3-1 from BGC 2021).

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3 The SSTEMP model is a scaled version of Stream Network Temperature Model (SNTEMP). SNTEMP simulates steady-state stream temperatures throughout a dendritic stream network over multiple time periods per year (Bartholow 2002, 2010,). SSTEMP is designed to predict the steady state stream temperature within a single stream segment for a single time period. These models were developed by the USGS to predict the daily mean and maximum water temperatures as a function of stream distance and environmental heat flux.
3.2.1 Model Assumptions

The SSTEMP water temperature model assumptions included (BGC 2021):

- Stream temperatures measured at the streamflow gages were similar at the nearby confluences.
- Groundwater temperature was the average groundwater temperature measured in wells near to and east of the Project (35.6°F) for 40 wells from June 2007 to March 2014.
- The model used the 2005 water temperature data for American Creek and Anaconda Creek at AMER and ANDA and these were consistently higher than measurements from other years.
- Groundwater removal from Anaconda and Crooked Creek occurred.

3.3 Findings

Results included (BGC 2021):

- The maximum July 2005 stream temperature was predicted to increase from 52.6°F to 54.8°F, while the maximum August 2005 stream temperature was predicted to increase from 50.6°F to 52.7°F at node Q3, Crooked Creek at American Creek. This is the area of maximum influence from the Project.
- For years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2011 the modeling shows that predicted increases in Crooked Creek stream temperatures due to the project would remain below the State of Alaska’s most restrictive water quality temperature standard of 55.4°F for egg/fry incubation and spawning areas and 59.0°F for migration routes and rearing areas (BGC 2021).

3.3.1 Conclusions

The report provides a reasonable quantitative evaluation of the stream flow and water temperature calculations using the SSTEMP model basis (BGC 2021). The quantitative modeling, using the proposed mine conditions (Weatherly 2016), used the water temperature data from 2005, which was the warmest year between 2005 and 2011 when data were collected.
The water quantity and temperature are based on reasonable historic data with regards to temperature and results of potential mine use for quantity. The modelling results showed that predicted increases in Crooked Creek stream temperatures would remain below the State of Alaska’s most restrictive water quality temperature standard of $55.4\,^\circ\text{F}$ for egg/fry incubation and spawning areas and $59.0\,^\circ\text{F}$ for migration routes and rearing areas (BGC 2021).
4 Evaluation of Mercury Report

The following sections provide a description and an evaluation of the supplemental mercury report (2021 supplemental report; Ramboll 2021). The 2021 analysis refines work completed in 2015 in support of the 2018 FEIS (2015 mercury analysis; Environ 2015; USACE 2018).

4.1 2015 Mercury Analysis

The 2015 mercury analysis relied upon for the FEIS (Environ 2015) used a more simplified approach to calculate the contribution of mine-related mercury to the local streams than is used in the current 2021 analysis. The FEIS approach assumed that the change in water mercury concentration in the streams would be directly proportional to the change in atmospheric deposition due to the proposed project operations. For the 2015 mercury analysis mercury emissions from multiple sources over the life of the mine were modeled and the corresponding atmospheric deposition of mine-related mercury was calculated. The contribution of the deposited mercury to the overall atmospheric deposition on a percent basis was calculated, and it was assumed that the baseline atmospheric mercury and the mine-related atmospheric mercury were transported to the river similarly, such that the increase in mercury concentration in the streams would be directly proportional to the increase in the deposition rate.

The initial 2015 mercury report identified that the results were an overestimate of mercury reaching the streams due to three conservative assumptions used in the analysis (Environ 2015):

- Mercury can be reemitted to the atmosphere after deposition,
- the CALPUFF model used does not account for physical retention of fugitive dust in the mine pit, and
- not all of the mercury deposited on the land surface would be transported to rivers.

However, both the first and third assumptions were already implicitly addressed in the 2015 mercury analysis and the FEIS, because they did not use the total mass of mine-related mercury deposited to calculate river concentrations. They simply assumed a proportional increase related
to baseline atmospheric mercury deposition, which is already affected by retention in the uplands and reemission, even if it is not specifically quantified in the analysis. Also implicit in the 2015 analysis was the assumption that all of the mercury reaching the streams is from the atmospheric source(s). With this assumption, any impact of mercury from the project is maximized, because they did not consider the contribution of geologic source mercury to stream concentrations.

### 4.2 2021 Supplemental Mercury Analysis

The following sections provide a review and discussion of the 2021 supplemental mercury evaluation (Ramboll 2021).

#### 4.2.1 Overall Approach

Projected mercury concentrations in surface water were calculated using a mass balance approach, that combined the estimation of mercury emissions from mining activities (both atmospheric and direct discharges to water), an atmospheric transport and deposition model, and an estimate of mercury retention in the upland areas of the watershed. The final downstream concentration estimates accounted for the mercury associated with mining impacts, the mercury associated with background atmospheric deposition, and the changes in streamflow associated with mining activities (Figure 4). For atmospheric transport related to mining operations, the CALPUFF air modeling system was used, as in the 2015 mercury analysis. The CALPUFF model is an advanced non-steady-state meteorological and air quality modeling system, which has been identified by the EPA as an alternative model for assessing long range transport of pollutants and certain near-field applications.4

Overall, the refinements in the 2021 supplemental mercury analysis (Ramboll 2021) compared with the 2015 mercury analysis (Environ 2015) include:

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4 Official CALPUFF Modeling System (src.com)
• Revised project mercury emission estimates based on changes in the mine operation details described in the 2021 report in support of air permitting (Air Sciences 2021), and use of predicted maximum emissions rather than averages.

• Revised the air model to use an updated distribution of mercury species, range of particulate sizes and set of partition coefficients consistent with the operational changes.

• Provided support for the presence of geologic mercury in the streams.

• Calculated the percent of atmospherically deposited mercury expected to be retained in the upland areas after deposition from the proposed project and baseline sources.

• Calculated mercury loading to streams based on watershed inputs from baseline atmospheric deposition, mine-related atmospheric deposition, and geologic mercury, and scaled this input based on the removal of flow to streams due to the proposed project-related runoff controls (Weatherly 2016).^5

• Used the change in input on a mass basis to predict whether there may be increased mercury concentrations in streams as a result of the project.

4.2.2 Supplemental Mercury Analysis Assumptions

Key assumptions in the supplemental mercury analysis (Ramboll 2021) included:

• Mercury emissions from the proposed Donlin project can be estimated based on those described by Air Sciences (Air Sciences 2021), Eckley (Eckley et al. 2011a, b) and an EPA mercury modeling database.^6

• Mercury aerially deposited from mining operations behaves similarly to other baseline atmospherically deposited mercury.

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^5 “Runoff controls,” as used here, refers to the collective water management activities during mine construction, operation and closure, as described in detail in the Water Resources Management Plan (SRK 2017). These include the collection of pit dewatering water, surface stormwater runoff, and seepage from waste rock piles. Collected water will be used as process water in the mining operations and treated at a wastewater treatment plant to meet AWQS before discharge to Omega Creek. As a result of these operations, flow in American Creek will be nearly removed, and flow in Anaconda Creek will be significantly reduced.

• Chemical fingerprinting can be used to distinguish baseline atmospherically deposited mercury from geologic background mercury (the mercury present in streams due to erosion of local minerals), based on pre-mine conditions.
• Retention of mercury in the upland areas of the project watersheds is similar to retention rates measured in other western North America locations.
• The amount of background mercury in the streams would change proportional to the change in surface water flux (e.g., the removal of streamflow due to runoff control, as in American Creek; Weatherly 2016).

4.2.3 Supplemental Mercury Analysis Findings

Findings in the supplemental mercury analysis (Ramboll 2021) included:

• The majority of mercury in the river under baseline conditions is related to erosion of geologic materials, rather than the runoff of atmospherically deposited mercury.
• 93% of atmospherically deposited mercury is not expected to reach surface waters.
• Mercury concentrations in streams in the project area increase during periods of high stream flow, likely related to the increased transport of particles.
• A mass loading analysis showed that mercury inputs to streams would decrease during mine construction and operation due to runoff control activities in the American Creek watershed area.

4.2.4 Evaluation of 2021 Mercury Analysis

The following sections provide a discussion and evaluation of the mercury emissions, deposition, sources, retention, and stream loading as developed in the supplemental analysis report (Ramboll 2021).

4.2.5 Mercury Emissions and Deposition

The 2021 supplemental mercury report provided an updated estimate of potential project mercury emissions based on more recent information about mine operations (Air Sciences 2021). Despite using maximum predicted mercury emissions from the proposed mine operations
rather than average emissions as was done in the previous 2015 analysis, the 2021 supplemental mercury analysis resulted in a lower total annual project mercury emissions estimate of 30 kg/year. This is only 34% of the emission estimate from the 2015 mercury analysis. However, the speciation of the mercury was also updated, and the estimates of oxidized and particulate mercury emissions increased by approximately 25% and 50%, respectively. These refinements to the 2021 analysis provided more project-specific estimates of mercury emissions for the proposed mine during operation.

In addition to changes in the emissions from the mine, the 2021 mercury transport modeling incorporated two changes from the initial analysis (Environ 2015), which are summarized in Table 2.2-1 of the supplemental report (Ramboll 2021). These changes refined assumptions in the original model which were considered overly conservative. Specifically:

- The analysis used in the 2015 mercury analysis assumed all particulate mercury emissions were larger than 10 microns (PM10+), while the 2021 supplemental analysis used a distribution of particle sizes (Air Sciences 2021). The initial analysis used a conservative assumption, while the supplemental report used a distribution based on project-specific operational information published in 2021 as part of the air permitting process (Air Sciences 2021).
- Consistent with the changes in particle sizes, the supplemental report updated the wet deposition scavenging coefficients.

Air modeling was conducted using CALPUFF, as was done in the 2015 mercury analysis. With the exceptions noted above, the model ran similarly for 2015 and 2021, using the new input values. However, the resulting watershed-level mercury deposition fluxes are not reported in the 2021 supplemental analysis. Therefore, deposition fluxes predicted in 2015 and 2021 could not be compared and evaluated. To make a comparison with the 2015 analysis, deposition to each watershed was back-calculated from the mass loadings (see section 4.2.4.4).
4.2.6 Analysis of Baseline Stream Mercury Sources

One of the key assumptions in the 2015 mercury analysis was that 100% of the mercury that entered the streams was related to the atmospheric deposition of mercury. However, this assumption may not hold, especially in a mineral rich area. A 2021 field sampling effort was undertaken to understand if there is a geological (erosion of local minerals) contribution to the mercury loading in the streams under baseline conditions. This analysis used a forensic “fingerprinting” approach in an attempt to separate geologic mercury from atmospheric mercury. This approach was based on literature studies that used aluminum as a tracer for bedrock, assuming that if a particle had higher mercury to aluminum ratios than were found in bedrock, the excess could be attributed to atmospheric mercury. In a stream system, the interpretation can be more complex, as the suspended particles can be a mix of soils, sediments, and minerals with varying mercury to aluminum ratios, over which an atmospheric mercury signal may not be discernable.

To conduct this analysis, Ramboll examined the ratio of mercury to aluminum in suspended particles in the streams using a total digestion that would quantitatively measure both elements. They compared the suspended stream particles with many rock samples and a limited number of soil and sediment samples. Results for the Donlin mine area streams showed a higher median mercury/aluminum ratio in waste rock compared to the soils and suspended particles, but the values ranged more than three orders of magnitude leading to high uncertainty and an inability to use this analysis to back-calculate an atmospheric contribution. Appropriately, the 2021 supplemental mercury report does not use this fingerprinting approach quantitatively but provides it as a reasonable line of evidence that geologic mercury is contributing to the stream mercury loading.

4.2.7 Retention of Mercury in the Upland Areas and Calculation of Baseline Atmospheric Input to Streams

To determine the amount of atmospheric mercury reaching streams under baseline conditions Ramboll (Ramboll 2021) does not rely on the highly uncertain “fingerprinting” analysis conducted but instead calculates an upland retention rate based on literature values using a
method based on an analysis of lake loading by Drevnick (Drevnick et al. 2016). This approach compares mercury deposition in upland areas with the concentrations found in lake bottom sediments. This is used to determine a retention rate, which is the fraction of the atmospherically deposited mercury that remains in the upland and does not reach the water body. This approach could not be used directly for the field data collected in Crooked Creek because of the movement of sediments within streams, as opposed to lakes. Rather, the 2021 supplemental mercury report reanalyzed a subset of the data used by Drevnick that was limited to data collected from ecoregions similar to the Crooked Creek area and calculated a literature-based value for upland retention to be applied to Crooked Creek. The result of this analysis showed that 93% of the atmospherically deposited mercury would be retained in the uplands. The calculated 93% mercury retention rate from this approach is similar to other published retention rates (Brigham et al. 2009; Hintelmann et al. 2002). This 93% retention rate was applied to the baseline annual atmospheric mercury deposition of 8.4 micrograms per square meter ($\mu$g/m$^2$), modeled for the FEIS (Environ 2013) to calculate the potential mercury mass reaching each stream monitoring station location.

A mass balance approach was used to determine the contribution of the baseline atmospheric mercury to the total mercury in streams, and the remainder was assumed to be geologic in origin. For the remainder of the mercury analysis, it was assumed that both the baseline atmospheric mercury and the geologic mercury would scale with the area of land draining into each stream.

4.2.8 Calculation of Potential Project Stream Loading and Potential Hg Water Quality Exceedances

The 2021 supplemental mercury analysis provides the results of the modeled mine-related mercury impacts to the watershed as a change in mercury loadings to each stream on a mass basis (kilograms per year [kg/year]). This analysis uses historical stream mercury concentrations and flow information to calculate total annual stream mercury loading under baseline conditions at five monitoring stations, scales the baseline inputs by the change in watershed land area not subject to project-related runoff control (mercury in the dashed box numbered 13 in Figure 4 is multiplied by the percent change in land area), and then adds a contribution from the project-
related atmospheric deposition (mercury in box numbers 3, 5 and 6 in Figure 4). The project-related atmospheric deposition is similarly considered only from the areas not subject to runoff control and is presented as the 7% of the total deposition not retained in the uplands (Ramboll 2021). This is used to calculate a percent change in loading on a mass basis for each watershed location considered (Ramboll 2021). Based on this analysis, the only stream location with a predicted increase in mercury loading on a mass basis was the Donlin Creek monitoring station (DCBO), upstream of the project area.

Consequently, in the 2021 supplemental mercury report, the effect on stream mercury concentrations is only considered in the watershed where there is a net annual increase in mercury loading on a mass basis (as measured at monitoring station DCBO). In that case, the additional project-related mercury was calculated as an increase over baseline equal to 0.8% (Ramboll 2021), and this percentage increase was applied to historical mercury concentrations from this stream location to see if it would change the frequency of samples exceeding the 12 nanograms per liter (ng/L) mercury Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQS), which it did not. The remainder of the stations were downstream of the project and were predicted to have a decrease in mercury loading (on a mass basis) and a decrease in flow, so it was concluded in the 2021 supplemental mercury report that no further analysis of potential AWQS exceedances was needed. However, because the AWQS is a concentration, rather than a mass loading, it is important to identify locations where increases may occur.

From the information published in the 2021 supplemental mercury report, it is possible to back-calculate an atmospheric deposition rate of project-related mercury, which ranged from 0.2 to 40.5 μg/m², or 3% to 500% of the baseline atmospheric mercury deposition (Table 1), a significant increase in some areas. However, the atmospherically deposited mercury is only a fraction of the mercury in streams under baseline conditions, so the concentration would not be expected to increase proportional to the atmospheric loading. The contribution of geologic mercury must also be taken into account.
### Table 1. Calculated predicted project mercury deposition and percent increase of predicted stream mercury concentrations based on the 2021 supplemental mercury report

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<tr>
<th>Stream monitoring Station</th>
<th>Annual Project deposition (µg/m²), calculated from (Ramboll 2021)</th>
<th>Project deposition as % of baseline atmospheric</th>
<th>Overall predicted stream mercury concentration increase (baseline atmospheric + project atmospheric + geologic)</th>
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<tr>
<td>DCBO</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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<td>AMER</td>
<td>40.5</td>
<td>500%⁹</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>ANDA</td>
<td>4.2</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
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<td>CCAC</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>4.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>CCAK</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
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The overall percent change in concentration for each of the listed streams can be calculated using the previous assumptions by Ramboll (geologic mercury scales with the change in drainage area, atmospheric mercury [sum of baseline and project-related] scales with the change in drainage area and the upland retention percentage; Ramboll 2021) and show an increase of 0.8 to 79% as summarized in Table 1. Using the calculated increases in mercury concentrations from Table 1, the overall percent change in mercury inputs can be applied to the measured stream concentrations for each station, similar to what was done for the 2015 analysis and for the Donlin Creek watershed above the DCBO monitoring station, and the new values can be compared to the AWQS. For example, at the ANDA monitoring station under baseline conditions, mercury concentrations were found to exceed the AQWS six times between 2005 and 2021 (Figure 5, panel A). If all samples were subject to a potential 5.6% increase in mercury concentration predicted under project conditions, only the same six samples would exceed the AWQS (Figure 5, panel B).

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7 Project deposition is calculated by dividing the annual project mercury reaching the stream by 7% to get the total mass in the post-project upland area. This is then divided by the watershed land area not subject to runoff control to get the amount deposited to the upland on an aerial basis. All values for this calculation were obtained from the 2021 supplemental mercury analysis (Ramboll 2021).

8 The increase in atmospheric deposition related to the potential project emissions was calculated by dividing the project deposition in each watershed by the 8.4 µg/m² baseline atmospheric mercury deposition.

9 The majority of the AMER watershed will be subject to runoff control during project operation. Only 0.3% of the watershed will remain outside of this boundary and potentially influence Crooked Creek mercury concentrations.

10 As reported in “Donlin_Hist_All_Flat_08032021.xlsx”, provided on January 7, 2022, by Mr. Gene McCabe with the Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program at ADEC.
The highest predicted mercury increase is in the American Creek watershed (AMER). Under baseline conditions, this stream exceeded the mercury AQWS five times from 2005 to 2021 (8% of the total measurements). The stream exceedances predicted under project conditions would potentially be nearly double the previously measured exceedances (9 predicted exceedances representing 15 of the total measurements). However, the majority (99.7%) of the land within the American Creek watershed will be subject to runoff control such that the water balance indicates a nearly complete reduction of flow in American Creek. It should be noted that 0.3% of the watershed land is expected to be outside the projected mine area subject to runoff management and could contribute additional mercury to Crooked Creek. The AMER monitoring station, which is located inside the western edge of the proposed pit, will no longer exist once the mine is constructed.

The number of potential AWQS exceedances would not be predicted to change under project conditions at any of the remaining stations analyzed, as concluded by Ramboll (Ramboll 2021).

### 4.3 Conclusions

Overall, the 2021 supplemental mercury report provides a reasonable evaluation of the potential impact of mine-related mercury emissions on stream mercury concentrations. The overall modeled project-related air deposition of mercury in the watersheds appears to increase, relative to the 2015 mercury analysis (Environ 2015), despite decreases in overall mercury emissions. This is likely driven by the estimated increase in particulate mercury, which is the form most likely to be deposited locally (Air Sciences 2021). The assumption that 93% of atmospherically deposited mercury is retained in the upland areas and does not reach the creeks and the calculations made in the 2021 supplemental mercury report are consistent with literature values. The vast majority of American Creek lies within the proposed mine footprint and is subject to water management. However, 0.3% of the American Creek watershed land area, adjacent to Crooked Creek and outside the proposed mine footprint, will remain.

The 2021 mercury report provides a refined analysis that includes updated projected mining operations that could result in project-related mercury impacts to local watersheds. However,
given the predicted mine operations, including runoff control in the vicinity of the active mine, this is predicted to result in no additional exceedances of the mercury AWQS.
5 Summary

The following provides a summary of the two reports reviewed:

- The 2021 temperature report used existing FEIS data to quantify the impacts resulting from proposed mine site operations and streamflow reductions in American Creek, Anaconda Creek, and Snow Gulch.

- The quantitative analysis of stream temperature presented in BGC 2021 show that predicted increases in Crooked Creek stream temperatures would remain below the State of Alaska’s most restrictive water quality temperature standard of 55.4 °F for egg/fry incubation and spawning areas and 59.0 °F for migration routes and rearing areas (BGC 2021).

- The 2021 supplemental mercury report (Ramboll 2021) used updated proposed mine operations and refined assumptions to remodel the atmospheric transport of mercury within the mine site area and calculate changes in mercury mass loading to watershed streams.

- The vast majority of American Creek lies within the proposed mine footprint and is subject to water management (runoff controls and water treatment). However, 0.3% of the American Creek watershed land area, adjacent to Crooked Creek and outside the proposed mine footprint, will remain and be subject to increased mercury deposition. The 2021 supplemental mercury report does not address this small area.

- Overall, the reports provide reasonable assurances that proposed mine operations will not cause exceedances of either temperature or mercury concentration water quality criteria in streams within the watershed.
6 References


Figures
Figure 2-3. Schematic showing conceptual drawdown of water table around the proposed open pit in American Creek (BGC, July 18, 2014).

Source: BGC 2021
Figure 2. Surface water monitoring sites within the facilities footprint (SRK 2017).
Figure 3-1. Modelling framework.

Source: BGC 2021
Figure 4. Conceptual model of the updated mercury mass balance analysis described by Ramboll (2021).
Figure 5. Comparison of historical stream mercury measurements (A) and modeled mercury concentrations under project conditions (B) to the AWQS at station ANDA.
Appendix A

Curriculum Vitae of Mark Johns
Professional Profile

Dr. Johns specializes in the transport and fate of environmental pollutants, remediation, and cost allocation and apportionment. He has been the principal investigator on numerous remedial investigations and feasibility studies and has an extensive background in site remediation and cleanup. Dr. Johns has over 30 years of experience in the fields of geology, groundwater, and geological oceanography. He has been responsible for the technical direction of several large CERCLA-, TSCA-, and RCRA-related environmental studies pertaining to heavy metals, dioxins, PCBs, poly and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), hydrocarbons, and chlorinated solvents. These studies have involved mine sites, petrochemical facilities, refineries, pipelines, and manufacturing sites throughout the U.S., South America, Australia, Europe, and the Middle East.

Dr. Johns has assisted clients with evaluations of remedial approaches and costs and the influence of various site conditions. He has developed and applied innovative cost analysis tools using Monte Carlo uncertainty simulations to evaluate a range of probabilities and sensitivities involved in decision analysis, risk, and business planning purposes (i.e., litigation and insurance coverage).

As an expert witness in environmental transport and fate, Dr. Johns has provided expert testimony, reports, and declarations on the origin, fate, and transport of pollutants and the appropriateness of remedial cleanup and associated costs in soils, sediments, surface water, and groundwater. He has also provided expert assistance in evaluating compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA), National Contingency Plan (NCP), and the allocation and appropriateness of remediation costs at a variety of sites.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Geological Oceanography, Texas A&M University, 1985
B.S., Geological Oceanography, University of Washington, 1977

Licenses and Certifications

Licensed Geologist/Hydrogeologist, Washington, LG-1262
Licensed Professional Geologist, Wyoming, PG-3237
Licensed Professional Geoscientist, Texas, #3221
Licensed Professional Geoscientist, Louisiana, #103

8-Hour HAZWOPER Managers and Supervisor Training

Advanced Health and Safety for Hazardous Waste Site Management, 1987

8-Hour OSHA Annual Refresher; Registered Washington State Department of Ecology Underground Storage Tank Program, 1990

Division of Environmental Geosciences Charter Member (304092), 1993—present

American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG, 304092), 1981—present

American Bar Association (associate member)

Prior Experience

Principal, AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc., 1999-2003

Independent Consultant, 1998-2000


Manager, Environmental Sciences, AWD Technologies, Inc and Dow Environmental Inc., 1993-1994

Principal Scientist, Seacor, 1992-1993

Program Manager, PTI Environmental Services, 1987-1992

Senior Geologist, Tetra Tech, 1985-1987

Independent Geophysical/Oceanographic Consultant, 1981-1985

Professional Affiliations

Freestone Council of the Big Hole River Foundation (charter member)

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

Society of Petroleum Engineers

Publications

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Johns MW. Fate and transport of contaminants in groundwater. Invited Presenter for Subsurface Transport and Fate of Contaminants (GHYD-403) Seminar, for the Northwest Environmental Training Center, May 9-10, 2001.


Johns MW. Dangerous and hazardous waste characteristics. Guest Speaker at the Industrial Hazardous

Johns MW. Characteristics of dangerous and hazardous wastes. Invited Speaker for Dangerous/Hazardous Waste section of the University of Concepción International Conference on Solid, Urban, Hazardous, and Dangerous Waste, Concepción, Chile, April 18-19, 1996.


**Project Experience**

Evaluated the global presence of naturally occurring lead and arsenic in crustal rocks and soils. This project looked at the uptake of lead and arsenic by a variety of spice plants ground in regions around the world. The information was used to evaluate the California Prop. 65 labeling issue and definition of “naturally occurring.”

Provided a sitewide analysis and regulatory review related to a styrene vapor release that occurred in 2020 in Visakhapatnam, India. The work included a regulatory review of the statues and laws of India as related to international standards. In addition, assisted with support and development of sampling work plans to meet future data needs. Data fitness was evaluated and that included data normalization, quality assurance/quality control measures, review to confirm data were suitable for intended purposes.

Reviewed operational aspects of remediation and remedial systems applied at the 3M manufacturing facility in Decatur Alabama. Provided expert testimony related to standard of care for the 3M facility wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), including sludge application, applicable environmental regulations, environmental fate and transport of PFAS chemicals, and treatment of PFAS chemicals.

Provided expert testimony regarding the evaluation of the nature of certain soils and soil borings and samples collected on the former Ecology Control Industries, Inc. (ECI) property and adjacent residential properties located in Torrance, California. The properties are located in a former drainage pathway emanating from the former Montrose pesticide (DDT) manufacturing plant located in Torrance, where construction of a water conveyance system and extensive filling resulted in significant contamination from offsite sources.

Provided assessment of operation and disposal practices at a tannery in Michigan for potential per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) groundwater contamination. Compared tannery practices to state (primarily Part 201) and federal (RCRA, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 [CERCLA], CWA) requirements. Evaluated state of the knowledge for overall disposal practices and PFAS-related waste disposal at various times throughout the approximate 100-year history of the facility.

Evaluated PFAS compounds in the drinking water supply wells at Lake Elmo, MN. Reviewed local geology and groundwater flow conditions.

Retained to provide expert testimony at the International Dispute Resolution Centre in London, England regarding the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant in Abu Dhabi. This arbitration focused on engineering and environmental contractual issues associated with the construction of the plant. The environmental work included evaluating environmental tasks as related to the Abu Dhabi regulations for Construction Environmental Monitoring Plans (CEMP) and assessing which party was responsible for the completion of this work.

Reviewed and evaluated historic operations at a major steel plant on the south shore of Lake Michigan. This major integrated steel plant covers over 4,000 acres with multiple facilities and solid waste management units within the site. Evaluated the reasonableness and necessity of costs to resolve
insurance liabilities for costs associated with sitewide remedial efforts under CWA Consent Decrees, RCRA Corrective Action Orders and NRD Consent Decrees. Work involved evaluation of extensive permitted fill along the shores of Lake Michigan.

Retained to evaluate fate and transport of perchloroethylene and daughter products at a large, former industrial laundry facility site in Seattle, WA. Evaluated timing, release, and movement of PCE throughout the area and the reasonableness of remedial costs.

Evaluated site remedial actions and costs for soil remediation of formaldehyde, petroleum hydrocarbon, arsenic and pH at a cement plant in Renton, WA. Assisted with the evaluation of reasonableness of the remedial actions and the costs for those remedial actions.

Evaluated per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) remediation at the Oakdale, Woodbury and Cottage Grove landfills in Minnesota. The migration of PFAS is highly dependent on the structure of the compounds (i.e., length of fluoroalkyl chain and functional group structure) as well as the properties of the solid material through which they are transported. Evaluated groundwater fate and transport and groundwater remedial actions. Provided expert opinion on the remedial programs that were implemented at three landfills, and opined on the state of the art for landfills from the 1950s to present.

Evaluated best management practices for erosion control on a gas pipeline construction project west of Atlanta, Georgia. The work was based on the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia 2016. The pipeline owner directed erosion control measures that were implemented by the pipeline contractor. During construction a series of heavy rain events resulted in lost time because of site erosion control failures.

Evaluated the extent of former zinc smelter emissions impacts on a nearby urban environment. Compared urban background from the potential past impacts from to direct emissions.

Evaluated the fate and transport of petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater from multiple sites resulting in a comingled plume. Assisted the client with the voluntary cleanup program (VCP) in Washington State.

Requested to evaluate the cause of a large slab on grade building underwent considerable settlement after construction. The initial evaluation looked at nearby public water supply well withdrawal. LiDAR was used to evaluate the potential occurrence of site wide subsidence issues. These were ruled out and an evaluation of the original geotechnical calculations was undertaken. This resulted in uncovering errors in the original settlement calculations.

Provided expert testimony regarding the status of insurance coverage, drilling and completion activities on the Eisenbarth well Pad in the Marcellus shale region outside Clarington in Monroe County southwestern Pennsylvania. There was a massive well pad fire that resulted in losses on the pad and environmental contamination on and off the pad. Multiple insurance policies were involved in the evaluation.

Evaluated the factors that result in delta loss for a major river system. Factors included loss due to damming, mass wasting, erosion, growth faults, fluid withdrawal, isostasy and sea-level rise.

Evaluated groundwater contamination, fate and transport for sulfolane at the North Pole refinery site outside Fairbanks, AK. Sulfolane is used in the refining process of crude oil to produce gasoline.

Provided remedial cost analysis for mine site remediation at a site in Arizona. Work included sensitivity analysis for various scenarios pending determination of State of Federal control of the site.

Evaluated oilfield history and development for the Ecuadorean oil fields in the Amazonian portion of the country.

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Retained for evaluation of fate and transport of perchloroethylene at a large, former industrial laundry facility site. Evaluated timing, release, and movement of PCE throughout the area.

Retained to provide analysis and report of owner, operator, generator, arranger, and broker relationship with regards to NCP compliance and liability for wastes sent to a treatment facility that ultimately became the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site in Houston, TX.

Provided expert opinion on groundwater flow in the area of the 2014 Oso Landslide. This included evaluation of well data, field observations, photogrammetry, geographic information system (GIS), LiDAR, and forest cover.

Retained to provide geologic and groundwater analyses of a property on Anderson Island Washington. Included evaluation of groundwater resources in glacial geology and a claimed illegal timber harvest.

Evaluated biodiversity issues for an energy company in foreign action brought by non-governmental entities seeking many billions in damages allegedly caused by past energy exploration and production. Primarily focused on evaluating claims of ecological loss and natural resource damages for a region-wide soil, surface, and groundwater cleanup.

Retained to provide analysis and apportionment of surface water and sediment contributions to the historical Kahala drainage system near Honolulu, Hawaii. Evaluation included review of drainage canals and direct piping throughout the watershed, requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and best management practices (BMPs) in the watershed.

Retained to assess contaminant and solids runoff from area surrounding Kaelepulu Pond in Kailua, Hawaii. Included evaluation of Clean Water Act (CWA) requirements, stormwater BMPs, pond sediments, and the drainage system associated with the pond. Focuses on sediment and nutrient loading that resulted from grading activities at an adjacent construction site. Soil and nutrient loss from the site was estimated using the universal soil loss equation (USLE) and field data collected during storm events. Contributions of sediment and nutrients to Kaelepulu Pond from the construction site were evaluated with regard to sediment and nutrient loading from the greater watershed area. Comprehensive evaluation of site BMPs included comparison of the BMP plan to measures implemented in the field and an assessment of BMP successes and failures during substantial rainfall events. Case settled in mediation.

Provided expert testimony pertaining to fingerprinting, fate, and transport in groundwater, surface water, and sediments of paper-mill wastes containing dioxins and furans from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. These pits are located in the San Jacinto River just north of I-10 in Houston, Texas, and contain waste from a paper-mill operation dating to the mid-1960s. Evaluation also included analysis of fate, transport, and fingerprinting of dioxins and furans in the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay; effects of scour, flooding, and subsidence on chemical migration pathways in the system; and physical properties of dikes and waste materials.

Retained to analyze timing and occurrence of hazardous materials release to a property in Waianae, Hawaii. Property owner leased a 10-acre parcel to a third party for farming purposes. Unbeknownst to the owner, the parcel was then sub-leased for disposal of hazardous materials by several additional parties. Disposed materials included used batteries, sandblast material, used autos, painting wastes, etc. Several burn pits were located on the property. The site became known to the EPA criminal investigation division and was subsequently cleaned up under an emergency removal action.

Prepared expert report pertaining to concentration and distribution of metals, NCP compliance with regards to the conceptual site model and remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) activities, the EPA remedy selection process and regulations, and the NPL listing resulting from chat and tailings distributions in the Old Lead Belt of St. Francois County, Missouri. Included evaluation and status of all Superfund sites listed on the NPL. The Big River Mine Tailings site consists of seven separate mine chat

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and tailings piles. The chat and tailings deposits are waste materials produced by the extraction, beneficiation, and processing of minerals at this site. Chat deposits include sand- to gravel-sized material resulting from the crushing, grinding, and dry separation of the ore material. Tailings deposits include sand- and silt-sized material produced by the wet-washing or flotation separation of the ore material.

Retained to provide expert opinion on allocation of future dredging costs for in-water sediment contamination sampled at Salmon Bay Marina in Seattle, Washington. Evaluated contaminant distribution and sources for a formerly leased parcel of marina space. Owners claimed contamination at the dockside facility was the sole responsibility of the lessee, although several sources of contaminants are present throughout the larger Salmon Bay. Work also included mediation concerning the cost of potential upland contamination (April 8, 2014).

Prepared expert report regarding soil and groundwater remedial actions (and associated costs) implemented at Kings Plaza Shopping Center after July 6, 2006, to address a discharge of No. 2 heating oil associated with the underground storage tank system located in the area referred to as Operable Unit 1. Kings Plaza Shopping Center is located in Brooklyn, New York.

Prepared detailed work plan attachment and negotiated with Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for an Administrative Order to conduct an RI/FS for the Western Port Angeles Harbor focused on filling data gaps for dioxins, PCBs, wood waste, metals, and sediment bioassays. Contamination resulted from decades of industrial activities, including paper production, sawmills, plywood mills, and associated forestry industries in the harbor area. Ongoing work includes quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) oversight, database management, and creation/maintenance of a document repository for the RI/FS completed in 2014.

Provided expert opinion on a $250-million CERCLA cost recovery action against the United States based on government involvement at a Cold War-era rocket manufacturing facility in southern California. Work included evaluation of NCP compliance and remedial actions in shallow and deep groundwater pertaining to TCE and perchlorate contamination.

Provided review and evaluation of cleanup action occurring at the PlusPetrol crude pipeline spill sites near Villa Trompeteros, Peru. Verified the areal extent of environmental impacts in each zone via visual inspection, reviewed actual or planned remedial activities in the field, and recommended any additional or more appropriate remedial measures than those observed in the field or planned according to available documentation. In addition, provided comments and recommendations on the following: general technical approach and competence of response, remediation, and restoration actions; status of regulatory compliance with existing permits and regulatory guidance; proportionality of response in relation to scope of impacts; cost effectiveness of response in terms of efficiency relative to standard practice, preferred alternatives, or resources utilized; and projected timetable for response, including sequencing and duration of activities.


Retained as inter-creditor environmental agent during construction period of the Cartagena Refinery (Reficar, S.A.) in Cartagena, Colombia. Responsible for evaluation and reporting of site environmental and social conditions during the $5.18-billion refinery and upgrade project, reporting directly to the Ex-Im Bank and other international senior lenders. Expansion increased refinery capacity from 78,000 to 160,000 barrels per day.

Performed environmental and social due diligence (ESDD) evaluation for the Cartagena Refinery (Reficar, S.A.) in Cartagena, Colombia. Prepared the ESDD report for Ex-Im bank and a group of

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international lenders to review and include in loan documentation.

Evaluated proposed total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for toxic pollutants in the Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters Implementation Plan. Provided comments to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles, California, regarding environmental and dredging issues.

Performed environmental studies and evaluation of environmentally sensitive areas for a major refinery upgrade at the Refineria ISLA Curacao B.V., located in Willemstad, Curacao. Project upgrades involved development of processes and equipment to reduce atmospheric emissions and improve air quality at the 250,000-BOPD facility. Reviewed site documentation regarding environmental and social due diligence (ESDD) on behalf of the client in preparation for development of documentation for international lending institutions. Identified areas and analyzed mitigation options to protect those areas from any environmental and safety impacts that will be required for the project's environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental monitoring plan.

Provided expert analysis and report regarding potential historical remediation activities and associated cost estimation methods following ASTM standards for PCS Nitrogen site in Charleston, South Carolina. Evaluated probability that Ross Development Corporation (Ross) would have been liable for remedial actions at the site, whether remedial costs could have been reasonably estimated, and the costs of those remedial actions at the time that Ross knew of its liability. Evaluated cost analysis with respect to NCP compliance for RI/FS issues regarding soil, sediment, and groundwater contamination.

Performed international regulatory review and analysis for mine sites located throughout the world. Tasks included reviewing surface and groundwater quality drivers for various regulatory actions. Included collecting and evaluating water quality regulations or standards applicable to inorganic constituents (i.e., arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, zinc) in the western United States, parts of South America (Chile and Peru), Canada, Mexico, and Australia. These data were used to evaluate current mine-site facility permit and/or general regulatory requirements for pre-treatment of mining wastewater prior to discharge and to provide an overview of enforcement activities. Conducted assessments of regulatory climates, including types of requirements, frequency of evaluation, and enforcement actions.

Evaluated contaminant apportionment, transport, and fate from the Grand Chenier Gas Plant and Separation Stations located near Grand Chenier in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Grand Chenier Gas Plant operations provided onshore facilities for the production and separation of liquids from the gas production facilities located offshore. The various facilities had elevated levels of NORM, metals, and TPH in soil, sediment, and groundwater.

Retained as expert for the Joseph A. Pakootas, et al. v. Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. case to study the divisibility of the harm arising from metals contamination at the Columbia River site and to opine on whether reasonable scientific evidence was present to support that division and apportionment. Reviewed data for inorganic metals contributions to the Columbia River system, including landslide, background, and anthropogenic sources.

Performed data analysis for the MC252 Deepwater Horizon oil spill focusing on water analyses in the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico. As part of the MC252 oil spill response action, BP initiated a program of adding dispersants at the well head. The Submerged Monitoring Unit was established to evaluate and track subsea dispersed oil using two vessels equipped with conductivity, temperature, and depth (CTD); dissolved oxygen; fluorometry; and deep-water collection capabilities, in addition to detailed quantitative chemistry. Field fluorometry measurements were used to track the location of the subsea dispersed oil in real time, and water chemistry samples were collected and analyzed to quantify field measurements.

Performed environmental and social due diligence ESDD and review for a major refinery upgrade at the Cartagena Refinery (Reficar, S.A.) in Cartagena, Colombia. Project upgrade involved development of a 165,000-BOPD facility to international standards. Reviewed site documentation regarding ESDD on
behalf of international lending institutions.

Retained as expert on behalf of the Official Committee of the Unsecured Creditors of ASARCO LLC Bankruptcy case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. Prepared expert reports pertaining to multiple mining, milling, and refining sites located across the United States. Reviewed multiple cost assessments provided by debtors, including NCP issues pertaining to soil, sediment, and surface and groundwater remediation at various sites, and cost estimation methods following ASTM standards and using Monte Carlo analyses. Case included $6.5-billion in environmental claims for approximately 75 sites in 19 states (AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, ID, IL, IN, KS, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NM, OH, OK, TX, UT, and WA) and Canada for the integrated copper mining, smelting, and refining company.

Retained to provide expert review of the remedial actions and contracting mechanism used for remediation of property adjacent to a railroad shop complex in Livingston, Montana. Plaintiffs were seeking monetary damages from the defendant for conditions resulting from site maintenance operations at the railroad shop complex. Site groundwater, surface water, and soil were contaminated with chlorinated solvents, hydrocarbons, metals, and asbestos.

Directed the development of new liquid and solid waste regulations for the State of Kuwait. Compared the existing state of water and waste management regulations in Kuwait to the standards and regulations in the United States (CERCLA, RCRA, CWA), the European Union (EU Water/Waste Framework Directives), Canada (Canada Water Act, CEPA), and the Gulf Cooperation Council states (GCC). Reviewed numerical standards, internal organizational hierarchy, and the interactions between regulatory agencies and the regulated community. Prepared and presented multiple reports for members of the Kuwait Environment Public Authority (KEPA) and lead international team meetings.

Retained to quantify emissions sources at Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) operations in the South Kuwait and West Kuwait fields and evaluate potential health risks from these emissions on Ali Sabah As Salem and Sabah Al-Ahmad Future City residential areas. Developed assessment to determine whether there was risk to residents in the existing city and future city from constituents in air emissions from the KOC South and West fields using air dispersion modeling results based on AERMOD modeling, wherein estimates of the concentration of particulate matter (PM10), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC), and sulfur dioxide (SO2) were compared to the corresponding ambient air standards or air quality guidelines in Kuwait (Environmental Requirements and Standards in the State of Kuwait, 1996) and the U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Compared Kuwait Environment Public Authority's (KEPA's) regulatory chapters and appendices to similar U.S. laws and their applicability to the petroleum and petrochemical industry of Kuwait. The purpose of the review was to provide process modifications to the oil industry that would result in improved environmental performance.

Retained to evaluate costs and liabilities associated with multiple petroleum facility remediations for sites located throughout the United States.

Provided expert report to address issues concerning investigation, remedy selection, and costs associated with site soil and groundwater contamination resulting from a 3,000-gallon heating-oil spill on Western Asphalt property in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Provided expert ligation support to address fate and transport of contaminants, remedy selections, and cost allocation at the Intalco Aluminum Smelter Site, Ferndale, Washington. The site consisted of an aluminum processing facility with several landfills and dumps that contained process wastes, including spent potliner, anodes, brick, and others. Contaminants included cyanide, PCBs, and metals.

Provided litigation support by evaluating facilities that produced 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) and 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T) (Agent Orange). Evaluation included review of sources of

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sediment contamination in a major east coast U.S. estuarine system. This work involved review of all source input to the river system including industrial, municipal, and private waste streams. Sites included municipal waste water treatment plants, landfills, chemical, industrial and manufacturing plants that occupied the region for over a hundred years.

Provided expert litigation support to address remedy selections, cost allocation, and contaminant contributions at the Hard Chrome Products site in California. The site was located adjacent to a former aircraft parts manufacturing facility purchased by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Groundwater and surface soil were contaminated with chromium and trichloroethylene (TCE) that resulted from their use in the manufacturing process.

Prepared site evaluation strategy as it pertained to other potential litigants in the Port Angeles Harbor watershed and the Puget Sound Initiative evaluation of the Port Angeles Harbor, focused on dioxins, PCBs, wood waste, and metals contamination resulting from decades of industrial activities, including paper production, sawmills, plywood mills, and associated forestry industries in the harbor area. Prepared sampling and analysis plan (SAP) for evaluation of sediments in the Port Angeles Harbor for dioxin, PCBs, metals, and other contaminants. Work included collection and analysis of both surface grab and core samples.

Provided consulting assistance with fate-and-transport analysis of crude oil spills in the Amazonia region of eastern Ecuador. Work included evaluation of all petroleum and natural gas wells throughout the region.

Provided expert opinion on remediation costs and allocation to parties resulting from deposition of mine spoils and waste at the Magnet Cove barite mine in Magnet Cove, Arkansas. Former underground and open-pit spoils and waste rock were placed adjacent to the mine. Subsequent to mine closure in 1977, the pit lake filled with acidic water that required treatment. Soil contamination and groundwater flows and volumes were evaluated throughout the mine site.

Developed conceptual site model for remediation of dioxin-contaminated sediments in the eastern swale area of a former plywood mill located in Eureka, California. In 2006, Humboldt Bay was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s nationwide list of impaired waterways during the State Water Board meeting. Prepared remedial action plan and mediation documentation in anticipation of litigation.

Provided oversight in preparation of a cleanup action plan (CAP) to address lead contamination at a site in Pauma Valley, California, in accordance with the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health (DEH) 2003 Site Assessment and Mitigation (SAM) Manual. The Site was unknowingly affected by lead during and after polypropylene recycling activities that took place on the site 1979-1980.

Assisted with the evaluation of arsenic-rich sediments contained in the buried Bingham Magna Ditch, Utah. Historical use of the ditch resulted in enrichment of the sediments with arsenic and other metals. Subsequently, the ditch was buried, and homes and businesses were constructed in the vicinity of the ditch.

Provided expert testimony regarding proposed remedial actions, cost allocation, and transport-and-fate analysis with source identification of PCBs, hydrocarbons, dioxin, and heavy-metal contamination from the Central Waterfront Landfill, located on Bellingham Bay, Washington. Work included evaluation of groundwater, geology, and geologic oceanography.

Provided expert testimony at deposition and trial regarding cost allocation and apportionment; transport and fate of gasoline, diesel, and lead in groundwater associated with this near lakeshore site; remedial system performance; and groundwater flow characterization for the Ferrysburg, Michigan, storage and distribution terminal. The site consisted of 27 acres on which a bulk storage terminal (capacity 13.5 million gallons) and transfer facility were located. Truck loading produced plumes of non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) and dissolved product that required remediation. This was accomplished by installing a pump-
and-treat system with a skimmer. Property ownership changed hands, and new spills resulted in a commingled plume.

Reviewed remedial investigation and prepared comments for the Rayonier Mill site in Port Angeles, Washington. The site is located on the shore of Port Angeles Harbor on the Strait of Juan de Fuca and was operated between 1930 and 1997 using the acid sulfite process to produce dissolving-grade pulps from wood chips. Site soil, groundwater, and sediments were evaluated.

Provided litigation support for the evaluation of potential remedial and primary restoration costs for the Grand Calumet River and Indiana Harbor and Canal along Lake Michigan. The area is affected by several industrial activities, including steel mills, oil refineries, wastewater treatment plants, petrochemical plants, and others. Remedial cost analysis included evaluation of dredging, capping, and natural recovery. Also included was the analysis of primary restoration costs associated with the non-remediated areas of the site.

Provided expert declaration and was retained to provide expert testimony regarding NCP compliance for the long-standing McColl Superfund Site remediation project in Fullerton, California. State and federal government were seeking cost recovery in excess of $40 million. Site contamination consisted of approximately 73,000 yd³ of acid sludges and tars that had been placed in pits and ponds on the site in the 1940s. Remedial measures were implemented in several phases, such as waste incineration, thermal treatment, in situ solidification, and capping.

Served as project manager for evaluation of refinery storage tank failures that resulted from Hurricane Katrina at two facilities in Buras and Port Fourchon, Louisiana. Prepared an assessment of the oil spill, the nature and extent of resulting contamination, and its effects on ecological receptors. Work included an evaluation of the storm surge and root cause of material failures.

Provided expert declaration regarding groundwater and surface-water controls for the Bunker Hill Mine in Kellogg, Idaho. EPA prepared a Record of Decision (1992) for a non-populated area of the site that included treatment and removal controls and associated costs for solid wastes, surface water, and groundwater. This included area mine-water treatment by collection and treatment of waters that infiltrated from above the Kellogg Tunnel level as well as the deeper mine water that was required to be maintained at the level of the Coeur d'Alene River. The various sources of mine water had considerably different quantities and concentrations of heavy metals. Evaluated the sources of the water and prepared an expert report that presented load distributions and estimated treatment costs for each source.

Provided senior direction for the application of a multidisciplinary ecological risk assessment of the effects of fugitive dust from the Red Dog Mine, haul road, and port in evaluating potential mine closure scenarios. Risk assessment modules included evaluating the effects of potential metals concentrations on sensitive tundra habitats and subsistence foods. The 29-square-mile permitted mine area was divided into zones in which different closure scenarios could be applied; then ecological risks were evaluated by area.

Provided senior oversight for the evaluation of arsenic, cadmium, lead, and zinc sources in the vicinity of a historical zinc smelter.

Provided senior direction for development of a framework to assess arsenic and lead concentrations throughout a residential community. Arsenic and lead associated with the site resulted from mining and mill tailings from historical copper mining and smelting. Residential concentrations were compared to national cleanup criteria developed for various national sites.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding probable remedial activities and associated costs for PCB-contaminated sediments in Convair Lagoon, San Diego, California. Evaluated source control and recontamination of an existing cap for the seven-acre site. Potential remedial actions included complete removal to thin-layer capping with monitored natural recovery after implementation of source-control measures.

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Provided opinions and litigation support for the evaluation of a 40,000-gallon diesel fuel spill into a containment system that failed. The failure resulted in the net loss of approximately 30,000 gallons of fuel to the soil and groundwater beneath the containment structure. Provided cost estimates for probable cleanup scenarios.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding cost apportionment for remedial action activities in the Port of Everett Harbor, Washington. Evaluation included review of site RI/FS documentation, remedial action activities, construction, dredging, transport-and-fate analysis, and post-action monitoring. Contaminants of concern (COCs) included PCBs, PAHs, metals, and hydrocarbons and deleterious waste.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding cost apportionment and NCP compliance for all costs resulting from remedial activities in the Thea Foss Waterway, Tacoma, Washington. Evaluation includes review of site RI/FS documentation, remedial action activities, construction, dredging, transport-and-fate analysis, and post-action monitoring. COCs were PCBs, PAHs, metals, and hydrocarbons.

Served as invited advisory board member and expert for the California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) program evaluation of sources, fate, and transport of lead in the environment in California. The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) established a fee allocation to fund the program in 1991 based primarily on the amount of lead consumed by the gasoline and architectural coating industries in California between 1929 and 1986. The California Supreme Court ruled in 1997 that the fee would not be considered a tax, so long as the basis for apportioning the fee bore a reasonable relationship to the fee payer's contribution to the burden addressed by CDHS's CLPP program. Worked on the expert team that conducted an independent analysis for a major petroleum company of the appropriateness of the current fee allocation. This team reviewed source, fate-and-transport, epidemiology, and toxicology reports for California cases. Trial was held in California Superior Court in December 2007.

Retained to develop remediation cost projections for two large remediation projects related to the Raybestos facility in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and to present and defend those estimates at trial. Project also included allocation of prior consultant costs related to offsite remediation of soil, sediment, and groundwater. Developed a probabilistic cost estimate for application to past and future site remediation costs. The Superior Court for the State of Indiana ruled October 30, 2006, awarding Raybestos 100% of the cost estimates and allocation, accepting the cost approach and validating the expertise behind the established estimates.

Prepared focused feasibility study for remediation of Reach 4 of the Shelly Ditch in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Site consists of PCB-contaminated sediments and floodplain deposits along a small stream emanating from a former brake manufacturing plant. Evaluation considered human health and ecological risk to develop practical options. Preferred alternative included evaluation of hot-spot removal with monitored natural recovery in inaccessible areas. Provided remedial scenario development and most probable cost analysis for the client. Designated as the Site Manager in the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and oversaw successful remediation of floodplain sediments and closure of the site in 2008. The project was completed on budget and schedule.

Retained by outside counsel to review and assess the emergency response to an event at the Plutonium Reclamation Facility and the emergency response plan (ERP) for the Plutonium Finishing Plant (which included the Plutonium Reclamation Facility) at the Hanford Nuclear Site being operated under contract from the Department of Energy. Included critique of the emergency response to the incident and the applicable portions of the ERP with regard to whether the response was timely, appropriate, and protective and assessment of the plan and response with regard to improvements that could be made during future Emergency Responses.

Estimated probability of costs for each of six different remedial alternatives using Monte Carlo methods in
cost allocation negotiations among potentially responsible parties (PRPs) of a site with PCB sediment contamination at Upper Dam in Spokane, Washington. Remedial alternatives included monitored natural attenuation, capping, and dredging options. In the Monte Carlo approach, a probability distribution that describes the uncertainty of values, rather than a single best-guess value, was considered for each cost element in the remedial option. Evaluated individual remedial alternatives for probability of occurrence and calculated a weighted mean value for different scenarios bounded by 90th percentile upper limits as compared to an expected-mean-value (50th percentile) calculation.

Provided expert declaration to help understand an "incentivized" contracting mechanism used for remediation of property adjacent to a railroad shop complex in Montana. Plaintiffs sought monetary damages for conditions resulting from site maintenance operations at the railroad shop complex. Site groundwater, surface water, and soil were contaminated as a result of the Livingston Rail Yard and the surrounding area, where hazardous or deleterious substances have been deposited, stored, disposed, or otherwise come to be located.

Managed the team that evaluated dense, non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) transport from the Manufactured Gas and Coking site to the Island End River (Massachusetts) through site soils and groundwater into sediments adjacent to the site. Included forensic analysis of the PAH source and deposition areas. Evaluated PAHs successfully using cluster analysis; applied remedial cost apportionment using PAH analysis results.

Performed site due diligence evaluation and cost analysis for the construction of a hotel and spa in the Deer Valley Ski Resort (Utah) on the site of a former mine waste-rock pile that contained heavy metals. Included evaluation of potential human and ecological impacts resulting from construction activities on the waste rock.

Managed the team that provided expert analysis of the most likely probable risk scenario for a contaminated barrel-reconditioning site. Developed site-specific air dispersion model for three scenarios: normal surface conditions, furnace operations, and an upset condition. Modeled resultant hazardous air pollutants and a human health risk calculation. Site operations included barrel reconditioning by furnace treatment followed by sand blasting, then interior and exterior painting with heat treating. Over a period of years, neighbors filed numerous complaints about poor air quality resulting from the operations. During an upset condition, the downwind neighborhood was subjected to a noxious plume. This resulted in the filing of a lawsuit by more than 500 plaintiffs.

Provided litigation support to a large metals recycling company regarding remediation of certain areas of uplands and sediment in the East Waterway of the Duwamish River in Seattle, Washington. Evaluated fate and transport of chemicals of concern (PCBs, metals, PAHs) from the uplands site to the waterway at Harbor Island as well as the proposed dredging. Reviewed cost allocation and environmental issues relating to the company's possible link to a PCB hot spot.

Reviewed existing site investigation and remediation documentation as part of litigation support in a case involving a former metals fabrication facility site on the Duwamish River in Seattle, Washington. The site had been purchased and was being redeveloped by a large metals recycling company. Prepared GIS-based, time-sequential contaminant mapping and evaluated the extent of preexisting contamination, then combined that information with a cost analysis review. Contaminants included inorganic compounds, chlorinated solvents, and petroleum products. Site evaluation included all upland source areas, former dredge fill sites, an underground petroleum pipeline, and former rail lines.

Provided litigation support to a marine ship dismantling company that formerly operated on the Hylebos Waterway in Tacoma, Washington, a part of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site. Included a cost evaluation of natural resource damages, potential restoration options, and remedial actions. Contaminants included hydrocarbons, PCBs, metals, PAHs, and deleterious wastes. Evaluated cost apportionment with respect to contaminants present in sediments.

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Retained by the Kasper (1977) Irrevocable Trust to provide expert analysis of groundwater contamination and litigation support regarding costs associated with the development of a RI/FS at the American Drive-In Cleaners perchloroethylene site in Levittown, New York. NYSDEC had taken more than 13 years to develop the RI/FS and final Record of Decision for the site. Contamination resulted from leaky drainage tiles and was spread in the groundwater by nearby groundwater pumping wells. In addition, excessive costs associated with oversight and management of the site by NYSDEC and EPA had accrued, and the remedial selection process had resulted in a solution for which costs would exceed $5 million.

Directed development of a (SAP) for evaluation of sediments along canals and waterways associated with a major refinery in Argentina where a high degree of hydrocarbon contamination in the water at a nearby yacht club was resulting in a bloom of Microcystis aeruginosa (cyanobacteria with hepatotoxins). Included evaluation of Ce-137 and Pb-210 radio-dating techniques combined with geochemical fingerprinting to apportion site remediation/restoration responsibilities.

Retained to provide expert opinion in support of the Port of Bellingham's case against its insurers. Issues included the ownership, presence, fate, and transport of contaminants from four separate sites located along the waterfront of Bellingham Bay in Bellingham, Washington. Sites consisted of former landfills, wood-treating facilities, and sawmills. Reviewed extensive technical reports and cost analyses for data compiled for each site. Presented findings and opinions in an expert declaration that reviewed the fate and transport of metals, PCBs, PAHs, and dioxins.

Project manager for the development and installation of an ArcIMS system for the Port of Seattle. The system was designed to provide quasi-real-time facilities information for all buildings and levels during reconstruction of the airport. The system also provided environmental data views for development of the Third Runway.

Retained by Gordon and Polscer, LLP to provide litigation support pertaining to the Summitville Mine Superfund Site in Rio Grande County, Colorado. A former gold and copper mine that operated since the 1870s, the site was added to the EPA NPL in 1994. Reported findings and opinions on general description of various contaminants, conditions, and operable units being investigated or remediated; the nature of the costs expended on each investigation and/or remediation; and the segregation of project costs between those generally deemed to be a cost of doing business in the mining industry and those that can be attributed to unanticipated remediation costs.

Served as Project Manager for investigation and removal of approximately 30,000 yd3 of potentially contaminated soil and asphalt material at the Terminal 18 site on Harbor Island, Washington. Designed and prepared an SAP in an expedited fashion (less than one week). A volume of approximately 25,000 yd3 of asphalt material was designated for recycling, resulting in a significant cost savings. Approximately, 5,000 yd3 of soil required disposal at a non-hazardous landfill, and only 150 yd3 required disposal at a designated hazardous landfill. All material was removed from the site prior to the redevelopment deadline, thus avoiding significant fines and costs associated with disposal at a hazardous waste landfill.

Performed site assessment and evaluation of historical upland and sediment disposal practices along the Tacoma waterfront for a confidential client. Focused on evaluating pyrogenic versus petrogenic PAHs and included evaluation of coal and refined petroleum hydrocarbon distribution across the site. Cost analysis included review of solid waste disposal costs.

Developed and implemented an (SAP) for the Sandy Hook (New Jersey) Maintenance Dredge and Beach Nourishment Project. The objectives of the project were to restore adequate depth in a privately maintained navigation channel leading to the Sandy Hook Yacht Club Estates Marina, restore and stabilize the Sandy Hook beach, and provide the potential for surf smelt and sand lance habitat. The maintenance dredging permit was obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The channel sediments were sampled and analyzed and found suitable for dredging and placement onto the Sandy Hook beach as a habitat enhancement project.
Provided expert declaration and expert testimony for the case of Morrison Knudsen Citation and Notice No. 30304540, No. 01 W0158 with the State of Washington Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals. Reviewed extensive data sets for metals concentrations and distributions in site soil and worker personal air monitoring equipment. Applied a Roesner's sequential procedure for determination of probable outliers with a successful outcome.

Prepared expert report and provided expert testimony for potential wetland impact from vehicle emissions and stormwater runoff at the Aegis Assisted Living site in Shoreline, Washington. Neighbors challenged the original delineation studies and subsequent SEPA evaluations during construction activities (File No. 2000-0821). Court was unable to find any analysis of consequential impacts of vehicles using the services, for example, potential adverse impacts of auto traffic, exhaust, oil spillage, and contamination within the 1-ft buffer of the stream (Thornton Creek) and the 50-ft buffer of the wetlands. Retained to provide expert opinion on the relative impacts to the wetland environment.

Served as project manager for the Brownfield redevelopment of a 50-acre former construction debris landfill parcel on the north end of Lake Washington (Seattle area). Contaminants included asbestos-containing materials, arsenic, and petroleum hydrocarbons in soils and groundwater located throughout the site. Regulatory guidelines were developed for all media based on the most appropriate site data as applied to both human and ecological receptors. Designed program timelines to meet permitting and SEPA environmental deadlines for a very compressed schedule prior to initiation of new Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) regulations. Redevelopment values are estimated to be $200 million for phased development of condominiums, restaurants, and businesses throughout the site.

Served as program manager for development of corporate-wide risk management and emergency response planning studies for a major software company. Performed post-mortem analysis of the Nisqually earthquake and 9/11 using a cross-group emergency management team that included Security, Real Estate and Facilities, Internet Technology Group, Risk Management, Human Resources, Public Relations, and Legal & Corporate Affairs. This team worked together to develop the corporate-wide Puget Sound ERP. The plan evaluated potential natural and human-caused disasters from the individual, building, and corporate-wide viewpoints. Included implementation at 75 building locations affecting 40,000 employees. The efforts complemented other measures that corporate security was implementing to increase the safety and security of the Puget Sound locations. Project was highly successful and supported by management. Included development of building-specific ERPs, online training tools, quick reference documents for each office, building signage, drills, and cross-organizational ERPs.

Retained by attorneys to provide oversight for investigation and sampling activities, potential remedial costs, and litigation support at the North 60 ° Petro site in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Prepared a comprehensive report detailing contaminant distributions throughout site soils and groundwater. Site was used as part of the Canol Project, which included a large oil refinery built as part of the World War II defense strategy by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project also involved the development of the Norman Wells oilfields and construction of several sections of crude-oil pipeline to the refinery in 1944.

Served as project manager for the Haug Channel Homeowners Association step-wise sediment evaluation prior to initiation of potential dredging activities at this shore-side community at the southern end of Fairweather Bay in Hunts Point, Washington. Evaluated existing sediment conditions (surficial and at depth) comparing the results to local use standards, sediment management standards (SMSs), and Puget Sound Dredged Disposal Analysis (PSDDA) protocols in anticipation of dredging activities. Prepared the SAP and quality assurance project plan (QAPP), performed sampling, and generated the final report.

Managed drilling, water sampling, pump testing, and modeling of aquifer characteristics for two wells at the Cama Beach and Lime Kiln Point State Parks. Lime Kiln Point State Park is located on San Juan Island, where existing wells had exhibited saltwater intrusion. A new 5-in. water well was installed to 560 ft. in difficult basalt geology. Cama Beach State Park is located on Camano Island, Washington, and
required a new 6-in. well. Sampled both wells to determine requirements for potable water. Twenty-four-hour pump tests determined aquifer characteristics.

Served as project manager and evaluated existing sediment conditions (surficial and at depth) comparing the results to SMS and PSDDA protocols in anticipation of constructing a reinforced concrete haulout for Delta Marine Industries, Inc. Prepared SAP and QAPP, performed sampling, and generated the final report. Following successful negotiation of a joint aquatic resources permit application (JARPA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ecology, the Delta Marine boatlift, as planned, was constructed in 2000. Ecology’s response letter reported a No Further Action decision and commended the high quality of the report.

Managed geological evaluation for an in situ vitrification project at Los Alamos National Laboratory Radiological Waste. A drain field constructed to dispose wash water from laundry facilities at the laboratory was contaminated with perchloroethylene and particles of low-level radiation. Conducted in situ vitrification as a field scale pilot study using a small scaled test module to determine how to reduce radiological contamination of the contaminated soil water contained within the drain/Septic field.

Managed evaluation of near-surface sediments in the vicinity of Totem Marina, a pleasure boat and yacht marina (Commencement Bay, Washington) with haulout facilities, upland dry storage, and marine sales and service, on behalf of a potential purchaser. Prepared SAP and QAPP, performed sampling, and generated the final report.

Served as project manager for a criminal investigation directed by EPA Region 10 as a result of the removal from a CERCLA site of 660 yd3 of potentially contaminated soil. Soil was disposed of at a commercial topsoil facility near Maple Valley, Washington. Because these soils were not sampled prior to removal from the CERCLA site and placed at an offsite facility without proper manifesting, the Criminal Investigation Divisions of EPA and Ecology monitored all site investigation activities conducted at the offsite facility. Detailed sampling and analysis resulted in location of the suspected soil and determination that it was below regulatory levels. Case resulted in no criminal actions.

Served as principal investigator providing expert guidance for the evaluation of the former Matsushita Semi-Conductor of America Facility in Puyallup, Washington, prior to transfer of the property to Microchip Corporation ($80 million). Environmental site assessment included collection of sediment, soil, sludge, groundwater, and surface water samples throughout the 686,000-ft2 cleanroom facility and 92-acre campus. The plant consisted of three main building areas equipped with state-of-the-art clean rooms and air emission and wastewater treatment facilities and was surrounded by parking and delivery drives.

Participated in the Calcasieu Estuary Study as a project manager. Study area consisted of surface water, sediments, and related wetlands and wetland soil of Bayou d’Inde, Bayou Verdone, the Calcasieu River, and the Calcasieu Ship Channel from the saltwater barrier to the northern end of Moss Lake near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Led the team in developing an integrated RI/FS and NRDA work plan and submitted it to EPA, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, NOAA, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review and comment. The statement of work represented one of the only cases in which the RI/FS and NRDA processes have been fully integrated. Work plans detailed processes used to develop all field sampling protocols and integrate the evaluation of remedial and restoration alternatives for chlorinated solvents, dioxins, PCBs, PAHs.

Served as site operations manager for the United Park City Mines Company. Developed and implemented site restoration and revegetation plans for several high mountain (5,500 to 9,000 ft amsl) mine sites. Sites included waste-rock dumps, milling, processing, and hard-rock shaft locations and varied dramatically in slope, aspect, elevation, erosion potential, topsoil, water retention capacity, etc. These areas were redeveloped as home sites.

Served as site operations manager and implemented restoration and revegetation activities to return native species to a man-made, highly disturbed lake structure. Involved combining different aspects of...
environmental and landscape design to produce a natural habitat with native plants and sufficient fish habitat for a viable system. Several innovative techniques ensured restoration activities resulted in a viable system and minimized additional disturbance. All landscape, native plantings, fish habitat, stream modification, and final contouring on the lake were performed prior to filling. Construction work included surveying, soil removal and placement, large structure and rock placement, dam spillway placement, erosion control measures (vegetative and geotextile), entrant stream modification, aeration (natural and solar powered), dock installation, irrigation (pressure-head driven, non-invasive), and native plantings (trees, shrubs, grasses, wildflowers, and forbs).

Technical reviewer and site expert for the evaluation of chlor-alkali plant operations and contaminant distributions in the site soil and groundwater around the Buna Petrochemical Refinery in Buna, Germany. Provided input into development of sampling programs and protocols for soil, groundwater, and sediments. Contaminants included chlorinated solvents, TCDD, vinyl chloride, and mercury. Reviewed and developed potential remedial scenarios and cost analysis.

Prepared the site uplands and sediment data collection and evaluation report in preparation for soil and sediment remediation at a former Union Carbide petrochemical plant at Homebush Bay, near Sydney, Australia. Site had produced Agent Orange (2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, dioxins) for use during the Vietnam War. Manufacturing processes and various spills had contaminated site-wide soil and nearshore sediments of the western bay shore. Report provided a basis for establishing cleanup goals with consideration of human health, ecological risk factors, and local regulations.

Provided technical input and oversight in development of an SAP for investigation of DNAPL contamination at a petrochemical facility in Altona, Victoria, Australia. DNAPL wastes had been placed in landfills on the site and consisted of chlorinated solvents with PCBs and dioxins. Site geology consisted of clays and silts but the flow of groundwater was complicated by the presence of a fractured basalt aquifer in the subsurface.

Served as a program manager for extensive site groundwater assessment and soil sampling program for evaluation and remediation of a 20-hectare former tank farm and refinery sludge storage area located at the Dock Sud industrial complex of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Heavy industry, including petroleum and chemical refining, paint pigment production, glass, coking, etc., used the immediate area surrounding the facility. Performed a site investigation and remedial actions analysis to determine necessary remediation system. Evaluated several remedial options, including incineration, thermal desorption, in situ fixation, slurry wall and cap, groundwater treatment, landfill, and no action. In late 1996, site remediation was initiated using in situ fixation and soil stabilization. Used multi-national and World National Health Organization analytical tools to develop remedial options and present the first judicially approved risk-based cleanup criteria for Argentina. Total estimated project value was $5,200,000.

Supervised analysis of wastewater source characterization for a chemical plant in Aratu, Brazil. Evaluated all sources of water in the plant to prepare a design and cost basis for the proposed plant wastewater treatment system upgrade. Included preparation of all Phase I design package and project control materials. Construction of the wastewater plant upgrade and control project was completed in 1997.

Managed environmental impact analysis on a 4-hectare property located in the Capital Federal District of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Performed work as a preliminary response to using the property for development of a solid, sludge, and liquid waste treatment facility in accordance with Argentine Law 24.051. The waste treatment plant was a centralized location for the treatment and handling of liquid waste products from service stations and ships. Prepared Phase I and III design package materials for the waste treatment plant to remediate ship and service-station waste products. This was the first plant designed for the purpose of treating and recycling hazardous waste products in Argentina.

Served as general manager in the application of a detailed EIA on a 50-hectare former pharmaceutical manufacturing facility located in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in accordance with Argentine Law 24.051. Investigation results indicated remedial actions were necessary. Work included installation of a soil vapor
extraction system to remediate acetone vapors using U.S. thermal oxidation equipment; the uncovering, decontamination, and removal of 11 underground storage tanks with combined capacity of over 575,000 liters; the performance of in situ and ex situ bioremediation of soil contaminated with kerosene through heavy fuel oil; the removal and repair of asbestos-containing materials; and the evaluation and maintenance of PCB-containing machinery. Ultimately, the site was sold. Those negotiating the sale used the EIA and resultant remedial report to document and verify that environmental liabilities had been remediated and that value had been returned to the site.

Served as the general manager in the application of a detailed EIA and feasibility study analysis for the purchase/sale of a 100-hectare former chlorine manufacturing facility located in Neuquen, Argentina in accordance with Argentine Law 24.051. Investigations results indicated remedial actions were required for a number of problem areas at the site. Mercury contamination was found at several locations where elemental mercury had contaminated the groundwater and soils beneath the site. This was compounded by the presence of vinyl chloride and dioxins. Designed a cut-off wall and water treatment system to contain the groundwater contaminant plume within the site boundaries during feasibility study analysis. Evaluated remedial costs with respect to the total facility operational costs.

Directed site remediation for a service station in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Included installation of soil vapor extraction wells and the importation of thermal oxidizer equipment to treat soil vapors contaminated with gasoline, diesel, and kerosene at the site. All work complied with regulations established by the Dangerous Waste Law No. 24.051 of Argentina and the Municipalidad de Buenos Aires.

Served as program manager and directed extensive site assessment, soil sampling program, and groundwater monitoring network installation (100 samples, 48 borings, 12 wells, and 63 piezometers) at an ethylene dichloride waste management area at a chemical plant in Talcahuano, Chile (200 km south of Santiago). In the late 1970s and early 1980s, DNAPL (i.e., mixed chlorinated solvents, EDC, PCBs, vinyl chloride, dioxins) contamination was buried in shallow, near-surface pits. Site investigation and remedial action analyses determined the necessary remediation system. Evaluated several remedial options, including incineration, thermal desorption, in situ fixation, slurry wall and cap, groundwater treatment, landfill, and no action. In late 1995, the installation of a site groundwater containment system, slurry wall, and cap was approved and scheduled for construction in early 1996. Total estimated project value was $5,400,000. Remedial activities included installation of approximately 2 km of slurry wall to a nominal depth of 25 m, surface water drainage controls, constructed site cap (both soil and asphalt), irrigation system, and groundwater control and treatment systems. The project was completed and the system was operational in early 1997.

Served as both project manager and geohydrologist while preparing RFI work plan for sediments, soil, and groundwater investigations at The Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas (Blocks A-41/A-42). Site investigation included evaluation of three separate groundwater aquifers contaminated with two distinct DNAPLs (primarily EDC wastes with PCBs and dioxins in excess of 40,000,000 gallons). The complex Gulf Coast site stratigraphy required extensive evaluation of the groundwater regime. Remedial options evaluation included placement of horizontal wells, interception trenches, large-bore DNAPL collection systems, and hydraulic barriers. Preparaed both human and ecological risk assessments in an integrated, proactive approach.

Managed installation of soil vapor extraction system at the Well 12A Superfund Site in Tacoma, Washington. The system operates through 22 wells at a maximum 3,000 ft³ per minute, extracting VOCs and other chlorinated solvents from the subsurface. Constructed with the ability to control and monitor the soil gas extraction process from any configuration of the system, the gas treatment system involved filtering hot soil gas for particulates, then cooling the gas and extracting VOCs. The gas treatment system cycles were controlled with a programmable logic controller (PLC) system that determined valve opening and closure for each cycle. Responsible for constructing and optimizing the subsurface system, including input and calibration for a modular, 3-dimensional, finite-difference model, using a combination of model packages (VENTING, MOTRANS, MODFLOW). Used flow model for assessment of conceptual design scenarios, estimation of capture zone and stagnation points, and evaluation of the capture zone with
varying extraction rates and configurations.

Served as project manager for sediment dredging project associated with a dockside spill of ethylene dichloride (EDC) at The Dow Chemical Company Plant A facility in Freeport, Texas, in the Brazos River Harbor area adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway. DNAPL was released while loading from dockside facilities to a barge. Dredging was implemented on an expedited schedule, and sediments were removed using a barge-mounted environmental clamshell dredge to barges for removal from the site. Both dockside and unloading facility worker health and safety were monitored continuously using both site-wide and personal air monitoring equipment. Site cleanup activities proceeded to completion on the expedited schedule with no health and safety issues.

Prepared RCRA corrective measures study (CMS) for soil and groundwater investigation at The Dow Chemical Company in Pittsburg, California. Site investigation included evaluation of shallow groundwater aquifers contaminated with arsenic, chromium, and lead, resulting in potential contamination of bay sediments. Complex San Francisco Bay site stratigraphy required extensive evaluation of the groundwater regime. Preparatory work included statistical evaluation of soil and groundwater contaminant levels prior to evaluating in-place closure. Prepared cost analyses for appropriate waste management units.

Managed RCRA facility investigation (RFI) that addressed the requirements noted in the RCRA Part B permit covering an inactive solvent recycling facility located outside Portland, Oregon. Because the permit was issued jointly by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Division of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the Region 10 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the entire facility was treated as a single solid waste management unit. The permit required an RFI to be performed on the entire facility. Indoor and outdoor drum storage areas had been used for storing spent chlorinated solvents prior to reclamation within the onsite distillation unit or transport to offsite hazardous waste management facilities for disposal. Leaks and spills from these areas had resulted in a large chlorinated solvent plume in the local groundwater system.

Evaluated extensive chlorinated solvent groundwater plumes at two separate locations in Burbank/North Hollywood, California. Groundwater evaluation included regional geology, groundwater pumping, reinjection, and treatment. Assisted development of dual train stripping tower treatment system.

Assisted legal counsel in preparation and evaluation of historical use practices, data analysis, data interpretation, report preparation, and regulatory interaction for a 1,600-acre former dynamite production plant. Performed detailed analysis on the chemical and physical hazards present at the site and documented remedial and physical cleanup actions. Ultimate site use included recovery of forest products, residential homes, public facilities, and a proposed golf course.

Managed and prepared evaluation of injecting treated groundwater into an existing, saturated aquifer at the Shell Refinery in Carson, California, south of Los Angeles. Characterized quality and quantity of the proposed injection water and the injection zone. Assessed potential chemical interactions between native and injected fluids.

Managed site investigation, performed soil sampling, and documented findings in support of litigation for a property in Woodinville, Washington. Onsite contaminants resulted from poor materials handling processes that occurred on the upgradient, adjacent property. As a direct result of the findings, the upgradient property owners assumed liability and costs associated with remediation of contaminants on the property.

Managed site investigation, performed sediment sampling, and documented findings in support of litigation for the Cedar River Delta in Lake Washington near Renton, Washington. Designed program to evaluate PCB and metals concentrations for the shallow, nearshore, lacustrine sediments. Contaminants resulted from multiple industrial activities associated with poor materials handling processes that occurred on the upgradient, adjacent property.

Prepared expedited RI/FS for multiple potentially liable parties (PLPs) at a site where free-phase gasoline was distributed in subsurface soil over a 20-acre area. Designed work plan to provide data of sufficient quality and quantity to evaluate remedial options and support human health risk assessment. Prepared reports in a limited time period to avert a probable enforcement order by Ecology (State of Washington). Included preparation of a multi-media work plan and human health risk evaluation that required substantial interaction with multiple PLPs and negotiation with Ecology.

Managed MTCA-based site assessment and investigation for the Port of Seattle at the former Coast Guard Facility along Salmon Bay in Seattle, Washington. Included installation of site-wide groundwater wells, soil sampling, storm drain sediment sampling, and aquatic sediment sampling. Integrated data into a conceptual model of fate and transport of site contaminants based on former industrial practices at the site. Information collected at the site was integrated into an ecological and human health risk assessment used to direct potential remedial alternatives.

Served on retainer for litigation in support of analysis of site contamination (soil, sediments, surface water, and groundwater) at a historical industrial complex and municipal landfill in the sensitive estuarine environment adjacent to Grays Harbor, Washington. Prepared written materials and assessments prior to litigation. The bankruptcy court allowed the property to be abandoned, allowing the client to settle debt and remove one of the longest held bankruptcy cases in the U.S. 9th District Court.

Served as program manager for the closure of Class V injection wells under EPA Order on Consent at seven sites for a major oil company. Project involved substantial interaction with the client and Ecology to initiate and maintain this program under rigorous MTCA regulatory and time constraints. Included work plan preparation, coordination of field and laboratory activities, data review and analysis, and closure report preparation. Field operations consisted of excavation and removal of the injection wells, hollow-stem auger soil boring, installation of monitoring wells, and environmental sampling.

Served as program manager for Phase I and II underground storage tank site investigations for a major oil company. Work included installation, operation, and maintenance of groundwater treatment, vapor extraction, and air sparging systems; tank removal; and site closure at more than 50 sites.

Managed site assessment work plan and sampling program for a former lumber mill and municipal landfill site in the estuarine environment near Grays Harbor, Washington. Coordinated all field work, including collection of soil, surface water, sediment, and subsurface samples for detailed metals and organic contaminant analyses. Developed Washington State MTCA cleanup standards based on human and ecological health.

Prepared soil investigation and hydrogeologic study plans for RI/FS at the Alkali Lake site in eastern Oregon. The site was used for storage and disposal of chemical wastes. It is situated in a non-draining basin and was contaminated with process sludges that were stored in barrels at the site from the manufacturing of pesticide (2,4-D).

Performed full-scale flue dust waste treatability and metals recycling evaluation, including column leaching tests, batch tests, and pre- and post-treatment chemical analyses. Results allowed the client to decide against proceeding with this flue dust treatment alternative because of unacceptable lead concentrations in the waste filter cake. The primary environmental matrix evaluated was flue dust.

Managed multiple RI/FSs and engineering evaluation/cost analyses (EE/CAs) to evaluate soils, air, vegetation, surface water, and groundwater at a 20-mi² former smelter site near Anaconda, Montana. Sampling included placement of 27 wells, collection of approximately 10,000 soil samples, analysis of...
surface drainage and erosion, installation of an air monitoring network, and conduct of phytotoxicity. Integrated data into an ArcInfo ® GIS for rapid review and analysis, including evaluation of potential offsite transport of specific contaminants in surface soils using physiographic conditions and the modified USLE, groundwater modeling, kriged summarization of three-dimensional soil contaminant distributions, groundwater modeling, and statistical summarization of contaminant distributions for evaluation of human health risk and contaminant transport and fate. Extensive use of statistical methods provided the client with focused revision of the EPA-mandated sampling programs into manageable and cost-effective forms.

Managed, designed, and prepared work plan and QAPP for a flue-dust reclamation pilot test to render RCRA waste less hazardous while reclaiming metals. Performed all test process sampling, QA/QC, and data analysis for the project report.

Served as the site data coordinator for natural resource damage assessment for a large CERCLA mine site in the western United States. Data included over 250,000 entries of soil, water, vegetation, and miscellaneous chemical information.

Managed EE/CA for two smelter sites near Anaconda, Montana. Prepared work and site safety plans while coordinating field work.

Evaluated distribution and regulatory implications of mine tailings throughout a former mill in New Mexico. Regulatory evaluation included country-wide evaluation of disposal options and action levels for various metals contaminants. Prepared and reviewed fate-and-transport analysis of arsenic, cadmium, and lead in surface and groundwater. Some of the work included a statistical evaluation of the spatial distribution of surficial soil with respect to surface drainage patterns. Also analyzed regulations relating to potential cleanup standards and guidelines.

Managed work plan preparation for site remedial investigation of air, contaminant sources, soils, surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrostratigraphy, and public health at Smelter Hill, Anaconda, Montana.

Prepared hydrologic assessment of contaminant transport from the 58-acre waterfront site inhabited by McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Co. between 1944 and 1991. Site work included evaluation of NAPL and DNAPL flow paths to the Willamette River, and PCP and PAH contamination in the uplands and river sediments.

Prepared site geohydrologic evaluation for RCRA site assessment and compliance monitoring evaluation at a hazardous waste site in Cody, Wyoming.

Prepared soil, surface water, and geohydrologic analysis of a tidally influenced hazardous waste site (RCRA) at a timber treating facility near Olympia, Washington. Cascade Pole Co. wood treatment facilities operated at the site from 1957 to 1986. Similar site operations dated back to 1939. Site is located on Budd Inlet in Olympia, Washington, and the primary contaminants were creosote and pentachlorophenol.

Assisted in geologic and hydrostratigraphic evaluation of a site for a NOAA natural resource risk assessment project in Tampa Bay, Florida. Evaluated upland sites as potential contaminant source areas for estuarine sediments.

Prepared site hydrological model and contaminant transport analysis for the tidally influenced 3,780-acre site located on the east side of Bainbridge Island, in Central Puget Sound, Kitsap County, Washington. Site consisted of an inactive 40-acre wood-treating facility adjacent to the 500-acre Eagle Harbor. From 1905 to 1988, wood-treating operations were conducted on the southeast shore, involving pressure treatment with creosote and pentachlorophenol.

Prepared site geophysical and geohydrologic investigation and reconnaissance survey work plan for a CERCLA mine site at Bunker Hill, Idaho. This included an evaluation of a series of valleys with very tight

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configurations and fill sediments for hydraulic connectivity.

Prepared a workplan for sediment sampling following PSDDA protocols. Using gravity coring devices and bucket samplers, collected Commencement Bay sediment samples. Prepared quantitative analytical results, integrated these results into the basin-wide database, and compared relative toxicity based on chemical mix.

Prepared siting analysis for dredge disposal materials collected in San Francisco and Oakland Bays. Included evaluation of upland, nearshore, and deep-water disposal options for dredge materials. Used standards of analysis, environmental impact, and site characteristics to evaluate the relative impact of disposal at each site.

Wrote technical memorandum pertaining to potential remedial technologies for in situ amelioration of inorganic contamination. Also provided technical and cost reviews of soil solidification, deep soil mixing, and in situ vitrification.

Prepared site evaluation for potential natural resource damage claims at a metal plating/anodizing facility on Long Island, New York. Evaluated upland sites as potential contaminant source areas for estuarine sediment loading.

Managed field and laboratory investigation of trace-element contamination in surficial soils at an 8.5-mi² site in Butte, Montana. Developed work plan and QA/QC project plan, performed statistical analysis of data, and prepared project reports. Performed sampling based on a statistical approach to minimize the total number of samples while maximizing the statistical significance of grouped samples. Sample groups included vegetable gardens, flower gardens, playgrounds, schools, private-residence yards, waste piles, street sweepings, vacant lots, and hockey rinks. Approximately 200 locations were sampled.

Coordinated preparation of a smelter RI/FS master investigation report, including fate and distribution of contaminants in all media. Performed geological and reconnaissance investigations for a 20-mi² site.

Coordinated preparation of the Mill Creek, Montana, RI/FS on a compressed time schedule. Primary responsibilities included evaluation of geology, hydrostratigraphy, and hydrology; field sampling for soils; planning and implementation of bench and pilot studies; and reconnaissance surveys.

Prepared maps and documented potential remedial action operable units within the Clark Fork River drainage in southwest Montana.

Managed preparation of the Butte, Montana, RI/FS work plan, including public health impacts; air, soils, surface water, and groundwater site reconnaissance; historical mining practices; geologic background evaluation; and hydrological investigations.

Prepared statistical summaries and data organization for preparation of an endangerment assessment for Mill Creek, Montana.

Participated in sediment sampling efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, southern California, Alaska, and the Puget Sound for feasibility studies and petroleum hydrocarbon exploration and distribution and mapping.

Served as a field geologist for a deep, continuous-borehole geological and geo-physical logging operation in Loving County, Texas. Included local and regional stratigraphic correlation, aquifer definition, and subsurface geologic property evaluation.

Served as project stratigrapher for numerous offshore hydrocarbon exploration cruises in Alaska and the U.S. West and Gulf Coasts. Coordinated real-time mapping activities of hydrocarbon potential. Surveys included reflection and refraction profiling designed to evaluate near-surface potential geohazards and deep structural and stratigraphic sequences. Designed and evaluated geophysical borehole programs.
including sonic velocity, resistivity, gamma ray, induction, and spontaneous potential.

Evaluated the extent of former zinc smelter emissions impacts on a nearby urban environment. Compared urban background from the potential past impacts from to direct emissions.

Evaluated the fate and transport of petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater from multiple sites resulting in a comingled plume. Assisted the client with the voluntary cleanup program (VCP) in Washington State.

Requested to evaluate the cause of a large slab on grade building underwent considerable settlement after construction. The initial evaluation looked at nearby public water supply well withdrawal. LiDAR was used to evaluate the potential occurrence of site wide subsidence issues. These were ruled out and an evaluation of the original geotechnical calculations was undertaken. This resulted in uncovering errors in the original settlement calculations.

Provided expert testimony regarding the status of insurance coverage, drilling and completion activities on the Eisenbarth well Pad in the Marcellus shale region outside Clarington in Monroe County southwestern Pennsylvania. There was a massive well pad fire that resulted in losses on the pad and environmental contamination on and off the pad. Multiple insurance policies were involved in the evaluation.

Evaluated the factors that result in delta loss for a major river system. Factors included loss due to damming, mass wasting, erosion, growth faults, fluid withdrawal, isostasy and sea-level rise.

Evaluated groundwater contamination, fate and transport for sulfolane at the North Pole refinery site outside Fairbanks, AK. Sulfolane is used in the refining process of crude oil to produce gasoline.

Provided remedial cost analysis for mine site remediation at a site in Arizona. Work included sensitivity analysis for various scenarios pending determination of State of Federal control of the site.

Evaluated oilfield history and development for the Ecuadorean oil fields in the Amazonian portion of the country.

Retained for evaluation of fate and transport of perchloroethylene at a large, former industrial laundry facility site. Evaluated timing, release, and movement of PCE throughout the area.

Retained to provide analysis and report of owner, operator, generator, arranger, and broker relationship with regards to NCP compliance and liability for wastes sent to a treatment facility that ultimately became the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site in Houston, TX.

Provided expert opinion on groundwater flow in the area of the 2014 Oso Landslide. This included evaluation of well data, field observations, photogrammetry, geographic information system (GIS), LiDAR, and forest cover.

Retained to provide geologic and groundwater analyses of a property on Anderson Island Washington. Included evaluation of groundwater resources in glacial geology and a claimed illegal timber harvest.

Evaluated biodiversity issues for an energy company in foreign action brought by non-governmental entities seeking many billions in damages allegedly caused by past energy exploration and production. Primarily focused on evaluating claims of ecological loss and natural resource damages for a region-wide soil, surface, and groundwater cleanup.

Retained to provide analysis and apportionment of surface water and sediment contributions to the historical Kahala drainage system near Honolulu, Hawaii. Evaluation included review of drainage canals and direct piping throughout the watershed, requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and best
management practices (BMPs) in the watershed.

Retained to assess contaminant and solids runoff from area surrounding Kaelepulu Pond in Kailua, Hawaii. Included evaluation of Clean Water Act (CWA) requirements, stormwater BMPs, pond sediments, and the drainage system associated with the pond. Focuses on sediment and nutrient loading that resulted from grading activities at an adjacent construction site. Soil and nutrient loss from the site was estimated using the universal soil loss equation (USLE) and field data collected during storm events. Contributions of sediment and nutrients to Kaelepulu Pond from the construction site were evaluated with regard to sediment and nutrient loading from the greater watershed area. Comprehensive evaluation of site BMPs included comparison of the BMP plan to measures implemented in the field and an assessment of BMP successes and failures during substantial rainfall events. Case settled in mediation.

Provided expert testimony pertaining to fingerprinting, fate, and transport in groundwater, surface water, and sediments of paper-mill wastes containing dioxins and furans from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. These pits are located in the San Jacinto River just north of I-10 in Houston, Texas, and contain waste from a paper-mill operation dating to the mid-1960s. Evaluation also included analysis of fate, transport, and fingerprinting of dioxins and furans in the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay; effects of scour, flooding, and subsidence on chemical migration pathways in the system; and physical properties of dikes and waste materials.

Retained to analyze timing and occurrence of hazardous materials release to a property in Waianae, Hawaii. Property owner leased a 10-acre parcel to a third party for farming purposes. Unbeknownst to the owner, the parcel was then sub-leased for disposal of hazardous materials by several additional parties. Disposed materials included used batteries, sandblast material, used autos, painting wastes, etc. Several burn pits were located on the property. The site became known to the EPA criminal investigation division and was subsequently cleaned up under an emergency removal action.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding soil and groundwater remedial actions (and associated costs) implemented at Kings Plaza Shopping Center after July 6, 2006, to address a discharge of No. 2 heating oil associated with the underground storage tank system located in the area referred to as Operable Unit 1. Kings Plaza Shopping Center is located in Brooklyn, New York.

Prepared expert report regarding soil and groundwater remedial actions (and associated costs) implemented at Kings Plaza Shopping Center after July 6, 2006, to address a discharge of No. 2 heating oil associated with the underground storage tank system located in the area referred to as Operable Unit 1. Kings Plaza Shopping Center is located in Brooklyn, New York.
RI/FS completed in 2014.

Provided expert opinion on a $250-million CERCLA cost recovery action against the United States based on government involvement at a Cold War-era rocket manufacturing facility in southern California. Work included evaluation of NCP compliance and remedial actions in shallow and deep groundwater pertaining to TCE and perchlorate contamination.

Provided review and evaluation of cleanup action occurring at the PlusPetrol crude pipeline spill sites near Villa Trompeteros, Peru. Verified the areal extent of environmental impacts in each zone via visual inspection, reviewed actual or planned remedial activities in the field, and recommended any additional or more appropriate remedial measures than those observed in the field or planned according to available documentation. In addition, provided comments and recommendations on the following: general technical approach and competence of response, remediation, and restoration actions; status of regulatory compliance with existing permits and regulatory guidance; proportionality of response in relation to scope of impacts; cost effectiveness of response in terms of efficiency relative to standard practice, preferred alternatives, or resources utilized; and projected timetable for response, including sequencing and duration of activities.


Retained as inter-creditor environmental agent during construction period of the Cartagena Refinery (Reficar, S.A.) in Cartagena, Colombia. Responsible for evaluation and reporting of site environmental and social conditions during the $5.18-billion refinery and upgrade project, reporting directly to the Ex-Im Bank and other international senior lenders. Expansion increased refinery capacity from 78,000 to 160,000 barrels per day.

Performed environmental and social due diligence (ESDD) evaluation for the Cartagena Refinery (Reficar, S.A.) in Cartagena, Colombia. Prepared the ESDD report for Ex-Im bank and a group of international lenders to review and include in loan documentation.

Evaluated proposed total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for toxic pollutants in the Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters Implementation Plan. Provided comments to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles, California, regarding environmental and dredging issues.

Performed environmental studies and evaluation of environmentally sensitive areas for a major refinery upgrade at the Refineria ISLA Curacao B.V., located in Willemstad, Curacao. Project upgrades involved development of processes and equipment to reduce atmospheric emissions and improve air quality at the 250,000-BOPD facility. Reviewed site documentation regarding environmental and social due diligence (ESDD) on behalf of the client in preparation for development of documentation for international lending institutions. Identified areas and analyzed mitigation options to protect those areas from any environmental and safety impacts that will be required for the project's environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental monitoring plan.

Provided expert analysis and report regarding potential historical remediation activities and associated cost estimation methods following ASTM standards for PCS Nitrogen site in Charleston, South Carolina. Evaluated probability that Ross Development Corporation (Ross) would have been liable for remedial actions at the site, whether remedial costs could have been reasonably estimated, and the costs of those remedial actions at the time that Ross knew of its liability. Evaluated cost analysis with respect to NCP compliance for RI/FS issues regarding soil, sediment, and groundwater contamination.
Performed international regulatory review and analysis for mine sites located throughout the world. Tasks included reviewing surface and groundwater quality drivers for various regulatory actions. Included collecting and evaluating water quality regulations or standards applicable to inorganic constituents (i.e., arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, zinc) in the western United States, parts of South America (Chile and Peru), Canada, Mexico, and Australia. These data were used to evaluate current mine-site facility permit and/or general regulatory requirements for pre-treatment of mining wastewater prior to discharge and to provide an overview of enforcement activities. Conducted assessments of regulatory climates, including types of requirements, frequency of evaluation, and enforcement actions.

Evaluated contaminant apportionment, transport, and fate from the Grand Chenier Gas Plant and Separation Stations located near Grand Chenier in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Grand Chenier Gas Plant operations provided onshore facilities for the production and separation of liquids from the gas production facilities located offshore. The various facilities had elevated levels of NORM, metals, and TPH in soil, sediment, and groundwater.

Retained as expert for the Joseph A. Pakootas, et al. v. Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. case to study the divisibility of the harm arising from metals contamination at the Columbia River site and to opine on whether reasonable scientific evidence was present to support that division and apportionment. Reviewed data for inorganic metals contributions to the Columbia River system, including landslide, background, and anthropogenic sources.

Performed data analysis for the MC252 Deepwater Horizon oil spill focusing on water analyses in the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico. As part of the MC252 oil spill response action, BP initiated a program of adding dispersants at the well head. The Submerged Monitoring Unit was established to evaluate and track subsea dispersed oil using two vessels equipped with conductivity, temperature, and depth (CTD); dissolved oxygen; fluorometry; and deep-water collection capabilities, in addition to detailed quantitative chemistry. Field fluorometry measurements were used to track the location of the subsea dispersed oil in real time, and water chemistry samples were collected and analyzed to quantify field measurements.

Performed environmental and social due diligence (ESDD) and review for a major refinery upgrade at the Cartagena Refinery (Reficar, S.A.) in Cartagena, Colombia. Project upgrade involved development of a 165,000-BOPD facility to international standards. Reviewed site documentation regarding ESDD on behalf of international lending institutions.

Retained as expert on behalf of the Official Committee of the Unsecured Creditors of ASARCO LLC Bankruptcy case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. Prepared expert reports pertaining to multiple mining, milling, and refining sites located across the United States. Reviewed multiple cost assessments provided by debtors, including NCP issues pertaining to soil, sediment, and surface and groundwater remediation at various sites, and cost estimation methods following ASTM standards and using Monte Carlo analyses. Case included $6.5-billion in environmental claims for approximately 75 sites in 19 states (AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, ID, IL, IN, KS, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NM, OH, OK, TX, UT, and WA) and Canada for the integrated copper mining, smelting, and refining company.

Retained to provide expert review of the remedial actions and contracting mechanism used for remediation of property adjacent to a railroad shop complex in Livingston, Montana. Plaintiffs were seeking monetary damages from the defendant for conditions resulting from site maintenance operations at the railroad shop complex. Site groundwater, surface water, and soil were contaminated with chlorinated solvents, hydrocarbons, metals, and asbestos.

Directed the development of new liquid and solid waste regulations for the State of Kuwait. Compared the existing state of water and waste management regulations in Kuwait to the standards and regulations in the United States (CERCLA, RCRA, CWA), the European Union (EU Water/Waste Framework Directives), Canada (Canada Water Act, CEPA), and the Gulf Cooperation Council states (GCC). Reviewed numerical standards, internal organizational hierarchy, and the interactions between regulatory agencies and the regulated community. Prepared and presented multiple reports for members of the
Kuwait Environment Public Authority (KEPA) and lead international team meetings.

Retained to quantify emissions sources at Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) operations in the South Kuwait and West Kuwait fields and evaluate potential health risks from these emissions on Ali Sabah As Salem and Sabah Al-Ahmad Future City residential areas. Developed assessment to determine whether there was risk to residents in the existing city and future city from constituents in air emissions from the KOC South and West fields using air dispersion modeling results based on AERMOD modeling, wherein estimates of the concentration of particulate matter (PM10), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC), and sulfur dioxide (SO2) were compared to the corresponding ambient air standards or air quality guidelines in Kuwait (Environmental Requirements and Standards in the State of Kuwait, 1996) and the U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Compared Kuwait Environment Public Authority’s (KEPA’s) regulatory chapters and appendices to similar U.S. laws and their applicability to the petroleum and petrochemical industry of Kuwait. The purpose of the review was to provide process modifications to the oil industry that would result in improved environmental performance.

Retained to evaluate costs and liabilities associated with multiple petroleum facility remediations for sites located throughout the United States.

Provided expert report to address issues concerning investigation, remedy selection, and costs associated with site soil and groundwater contamination resulting from a 3,000-gallon heating-oil spill on Western Asphalt property in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Provided expert ligation support to address fate and transport of contaminants, remedy selections, and cost allocation at the Intalco Aluminum Smelter Site, Ferndale, Washington. The site consisted of an aluminum processing facility with several landfills and dumps that contained process wastes, including spent potliner, anodes, brick, and others. Contaminants included cyanide, PCBs, and metals.

Provided litigation support by evaluating facilities that produced 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) and 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T) (Agent Orange). Evaluation included review of sources of sediment contamination in a major east coast U.S. estuarine system. This work involved review of all source input to the river system including industrial, municipal, and private waste streams. Sites included municipal waste water treatment plants, landfills, chemical, industrial and manufacturing plants that occupied the region for over a hundred years.

Provided expert ligation support to address remedy selections, cost allocation, and contaminant contributions at the Hard Chrome Products site in California. The site was located adjacent to a former aircraft parts manufacturing facility purchased by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Groundwater and surface soil were contaminated with chromium and trichloroethylene (TCE) that resulted from their use in the manufacturing process.

Prepared site evaluation strategy as it pertained to other potential litigants in the Port Angeles Harbor watershed and the Puget Sound Initiative evaluation of the Port Angeles Harbor, focused on dioxins, PCBs, wood waste, and metals contamination resulting from decades of industrial activities, including paper production, sawmills, plywood mills, and associated forestry industries in the harbor area. Prepared sampling and analysis plan (SAP) for evaluation of sediments in the Port Angeles Harbor for dioxin, PCBs, metals, and other contaminants. Work included collection and analysis of both surface grab and core samples.

Provided consulting assistance with fate-and-transport analysis of crude oil spills in the Amazonia region of eastern Ecuador. Work included evaluation of all petroleum and natural gas wells throughout the region.

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Provided expert opinion on remediation costs and allocation to parties resulting from deposition of mine spoils and waste at the Magnet Cove barite mine in Magnet Cove, Arkansas. Former underground and open-pit spoils and waste rock were placed adjacent to the mine. Subsequent to mine closure in 1977, the pit lake filled with acidic water that required treatment. Soil contamination and groundwater flows and volumes were evaluated throughout the mine site.

Developed conceptual site model for remediation of dioxin-contaminated sediments in the eastern swale area of a former plywood mill located in Eureka, California. In 2006, Humboldt Bay was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's nationwide list of impaired waterways during the State Water Board meeting. Prepared remedial action plan and mediation documentation in anticipation of litigation.

Provided oversight in preparation of a cleanup action plan (CAP) to address lead contamination at a site in Pauma Valley, California, in accordance with the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health (DEH) 2003 Site Assessment and Mitigation (SAM) Manual. The Site was unknowingly affected by lead during and after polypropylene recycling activities that took place on the site 1979-1980.

Assisted with the evaluation of arsenic-rich sediments contained in the buried Bingham Magna Ditch, Utah. Historical use of the ditch resulted in enrichment of the sediments with arsenic and other metals. Subsequently, the ditch was buried, and homes and businesses were constructed in the vicinity of the ditch.

Provided expert testimony regarding proposed remedial actions, cost allocation, and transport-and-fate analysis with source identification of PCBs, hydrocarbons, dioxin, and heavy-metal contamination from the Central Waterfront Landfill, located on Bellingham Bay, Washington. Work included evaluation of groundwater, geology, and geologic oceanography.

Provided expert testimony at deposition and trial regarding cost allocation and apportionment; transport and fate of gasoline, diesel, and lead in groundwater associated with this near lakeshore site; remedial system performance; and groundwater flow characterization for the Ferrysburg, Michigan, storage and distribution terminal. The site consisted of 27 acres on which a bulk storage terminal (capacity 13.5 million gallons) and transfer facility were located. Truck loading produced plumes of non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) and dissolved product that required remediation. This was accomplished by installing a pump-and-treat system with a skimmer. Property ownership changed hands, and new spills resulted in a commingled plume.

Reviewed remedial investigation and prepared comments for the Rayonier Mill site in Port Angeles, Washington. The site is located on the shore of Port Angeles Harbor on the Strait of Juan de Fuca and was operated between 1930 and 1997 using the acid sulfite process to produce dissolving-grade pulps from wood chips. Site soil, groundwater, and sediments were evaluated.

Provided litigation support for the evaluation of potential remedial and primary restoration costs for the Grand Calumet River and Indiana Harbor and Canal along Lake Michigan. The area is affected by several industrial activities, including steel mills, oil refineries, wastewater treatment plants, petrochemical plants, and others. Remedial cost analysis included evaluation of dredging, capping, and natural recovery. Also included was the analysis of primary restoration costs associated with the non-remediated areas of the site.

Provided expert declaration and was retained to provide expert testimony regarding NCP compliance for the long-standing McColl Superfund Site remediation project in Fullerton, California. State and federal government were seeking cost recovery in excess of $40 million. Site contamination consisted of approximately 73,000 yd3 of acid sludges and tars that had been placed in pits and ponds on the site in the 1940s. Remedial measures were implemented in several phases, such as waste incineration, thermal treatment, in situ solidification, and capping.

Served as project manager for evaluation of refinery storage tank failures that resulted from Hurricane
Katrina at two facilities in Buras and Port Fourchon, Louisiana. Prepared an assessment of the oil spill, the nature and extent of resulting contamination, and its effects on ecological receptors. Work included an evaluation of the storm surge and root cause of material failures.

Provided expert declaration regarding groundwater and surface-water controls for the Bunker Hill Mine in Kellogg, Idaho. EPA prepared a Record of Decision (1992) for a non-populated area of the site that included treatment and removal controls and associated costs for solid wastes, surface water, and groundwater. This included area mine-water treatment by collection and treatment of waters that infiltrated from above the Kellogg Tunnel level as well as the deeper mine water that was required to be maintained at the level of the Coeur d’Alene River. The various sources of mine water had considerably different quantities and concentrations of heavy metals. Evaluated the sources of the water and prepared an expert report that presented load distributions and estimated treatment costs for each source.

Provided senior direction for the application of a multidisciplinary ecological risk assessment of the effects of fugitive dust from the Red Dog Mine, haul road, and port in evaluating potential mine closure scenarios. Risk assessment modules included evaluating the effects of potential metals concentrations on sensitive tundra habitats and subsistence foods. The 29-square-mile permitted mine area was divided into zones in which different closure scenarios could be applied; then ecological risks were evaluated by area.

Provided senior oversight for the evaluation of arsenic, cadmium, lead, and zinc sources in the vicinity of a historical zinc smelter.

Provided senior direction for development of a framework to assess arsenic and lead concentrations throughout a residential community. Arsenic and lead associated with the site resulted from mining and mill tailings from historical copper mining and smelting. Residential concentrations were compared to national cleanup criteria developed for various national sites.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding probable remedial activities and associated costs for PCB-contaminated sediments in Convair Lagoon, San Diego, California. Evaluated source control and recontamination of an existing cap for the seven-acre site. Potential remedial actions included complete removal to thin-layer capping with monitored natural recovery after implementation of source-control measures.

Provided opinions and litigation support for the evaluation of a 40,000-gallon diesel fuel spill into a containment system that failed. The failure resulted in the net loss of approximately 30,000 gallons of fuel to the soil and groundwater beneath the containment structure. Provided cost estimates for probable cleanup scenarios.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding cost apportionment for remedial action activities in the Port of Everett Harbor, Washington. Evaluation included review of site RI/FS documentation, remedial action activities, construction, dredging, transport-and-fate analysis, and post-action monitoring. Contaminants of concern (COCs) included PCBs, PAHs, metals, and hydrocarbons and deleterious waste.

Retained to provide expert testimony regarding cost apportionment and NCP compliance for all costs resulting from remedial activities in the Thea Foss Waterway, Tacoma, Washington. Evaluation includes review of site RI/FS documentation, remedial action activities, construction, dredging, transport-and-fate analysis, and post-action monitoring. COCs were PCBs, PAHs, metals, and hydrocarbons.

Served as invited advisory board member and expert for the California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) program evaluation of sources, fate, and transport of lead in the environment in California. The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) established a fee allocation to fund the program in 1991 based primarily on the amount of lead consumed by the gasoline and architectural coating industries in California between 1929 and 1986. The California Supreme Court ruled in 1997 that the fee would not be considered a tax, so long as the basis for apportioning the fee bore a reasonable
relationship to the fee payer’s contribution to the burden addressed by CDHS’s CLPP program. Worked on the expert team that conducted an independent analysis for a major petroleum company of the appropriateness of the current fee allocation. This team reviewed source, fate-and-transport, epidemiology, and toxicology reports for California cases. Trial was held in California Superior Court in December 2007.

Retained to develop remediation cost projections for two large remediation projects related to the Raybestos facility in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and to present and defend those estimates at trial. Project also included allocation of prior consultant costs related to offsite remediation of soil, sediment, and groundwater. Developed a probabilistic cost estimate for application to past and future site remediation costs. The Superior Court for the State of Indiana ruled October 30, 2006, awarding Raybestos 100% of the cost estimates and allocation, accepting the cost approach and validating the expertise behind the established estimates.

Prepared focused feasibility study for remediation of Reach 4 of the Shelly Ditch in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Site consists of PCB-contaminated sediments and floodplain deposits along a small stream emanating from a former brake manufacturing plant. Evaluation considered human health and ecological risk to develop practical options. Preferred alternative included evaluation of hot-spot removal with monitored natural recovery in inaccessible areas. Provided remedial scenario development and most probable cost analysis for the client. Designated as the Site Manager in the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and oversaw successful remediation of floodplain sediments and closure of the site in 2008. The project was completed on budget and schedule.

Retained by outside counsel to review and assess the emergency response to an event at the Plutonium Reclamation Facility and the emergency response plan (ERP) for the Plutonium Finishing Plant (which included the Plutonium Reclamation Facility) at the Hanford Nuclear Site being operated under contract from the Department of Energy. Included critique of the emergency response to the incident and the applicable portions of the ERP with regard to whether the response was timely, appropriate, and protective and assessment of the plan and response with regard to improvements that could be made during future Emergency Responses.

Estimated probability of costs for each of six different remedial alternatives using Monte Carlo methods in cost allocation negotiations among potentially responsible parties (PRPs) of a site with PCB sediment contamination at Upriver Dam in Spokane, Washington. Remedial alternatives included monitored natural attenuation, capping, and dredging options. In the Monte Carlo approach, a probability distribution that describes the uncertainty of values, rather than a single best-guess value, was considered for each cost element in the remedial option. Evaluated individual remedial alternatives for probability of occurrence and calculated a weighted mean value for different scenarios bounded by 90th percentile upper limits as compared to an expected-mean-value (50th percentile) calculation.

Provided expert declaration to help understand an "incentivized" contracting mechanism used for remediation of property adjacent to a railroad shop complex in Montana. Plaintiffs sought monetary damages for conditions resulting from site maintenance operations at the railroad shop complex. Site groundwater, surface water, and soil were contaminated as a result of the Livingston Railyard and the surrounding area, where hazardous or deleterious substances have been deposited, stored, disposed, or otherwise come to be located.

Managed the team that evaluated dense, non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) transport from the Manufactured Gas and Coking site to the Island End River (Massachusetts) through site soils and groundwater into sediments adjacent to the site. Included forensic analysis of the PAH source and deposition areas. Evaluated PAHs successfully using cluster analysis; applied remedial cost apportionment using PAH analysis results.

Performed site due diligence evaluation and cost analysis for the construction of a hotel and spa in the Deer Valley Ski Resort (Utah) on the site of a former mine waste-rock pile that contained heavy metals.
Included evaluation of potential human and ecological impacts resulting from construction activities on the waste rock.

Managed the team that provided expert analysis of the most likely probable risk scenario for a contaminated barrel-reconditioning site. Developed site-specific air dispersion model for three scenarios: normal surface conditions, furnace operations, and an upset condition. Modeled resultant hazardous air pollutants and applied a human health risk calculation. Site operations included barrel reconditioning by furnace treatment followed by sand blasting, then interior and exterior painting with heat treating. Over a period of years, neighbors filed numerous complaints about poor air quality resulting from the operations. During an upset condition, the downwind neighborhood was subjected to a noxious plume. This resulted in the filing of a lawsuit by more than 500 plaintiffs.

Provided litigation support to a large metals recycling company regarding remediation of certain areas of uplands and sediment in the East Waterway of the Duwamish River in Seattle, Washington. Evaluated fate and transport of chemicals of concern (PCBs, metals, PAHs) from the uplands site to the waterway at Harbor Island as well as the proposed dredging. Reviewed cost allocation and environmental issues relating to the company's possible link to a PCB hot spot.

Reviewed existing site investigation and remediation documentation as part of litigation support in a case involving a former metals fabrication facility site on the Duwamish River in Seattle, Washington. The site had been purchased and was being redeveloped by a large metals recycling company. Prepared GIS-based, time-sequential contaminant mapping and evaluated the extent of preexisting contamination, then combined that information with a cost analysis review. Contaminants included inorganic compounds, chlorinated solvents, and petroleum products. Site evaluation included all upland source areas, former dredge fill sites, an underground petroleum pipeline, and former rail lines.

Provided litigation support to a marine ship dismantling company that formerly operated on the Hylebos Waterway in Tacoma, Washington, a part of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site. Included a cost evaluation of natural resource damages, potential restoration options, and remedial actions. Contaminants included hydrocarbons, PCBs, metals, PAHs, and deleterious wastes. Evaluated cost apportionment with respect to contaminants present in sediments.

Retained by the Kasper (1977) Irrevocable Trust to provide expert analysis of groundwater contamination and litigation support regarding costs associated with the development of a RI/FS at the American Drive-In Cleaners perchloroethylene site in Levittown, New York. NYSDEC had taken more than 13 years to develop the RI/FS and final Record of Decision for the site. Contamination resulted from leaky drainage tiles and was spread in the groundwater by nearby groundwater pumping wells. In addition, excessive costs associated with oversight and management of the site by NYSDEC and EPA had accrued, and the remedial selection process had resulted in a solution for which costs would exceed $5 million.

Directed development of a (SAP) for evaluation of sediments along canals and waterways associated with a major refinery in Argentina where a high degree of hydrocarbon contamination in the water at a nearby yacht club was resulting in a bloom of Microsystis aeruginosa (cyanobacteria with hepatoxins). Included evaluation of Ce-137 and Pb-210 radio-dating techniques combined with geochemical fingerprinting to apportion site remediation/restoration responsibilities.

Retained to provide expert opinion in support of the Port of Bellingham's case against its insurers. Issues included the ownership, presence, fate, and transport of contaminants from four separate sites located along the waterfront of Bellingham Bay in Bellingham, Washington. Sites consisted of former landfills, wood-treating facilities, and sawmills. Reviewed extensive technical reports and cost analyses for data compiled for each site. Presented findings and opinions in an expert declaration that reviewed the fate and transport of metals, PCBs, PAHs, and dioxins.

Project manager for the development and installation of an ArcIMS system for the Port of Seattle. The system was designed to provide quasi-real-time facilities information for all buildings and levels during
reconstruction of the airport. The system also provided environmental data views for development of the
Third Runway.

Retained by Gordon and Polscer, LLP to provide litigation support pertaining to the Summitville Mine
Superfund Site in Rio Grande County, Colorado. A former gold and copper mine that operated since the
1870s, the site was added to the EPA NPL in 1994. Reported findings and opinions on general
description of various contaminants, conditions, and operable units being investigated or remediated; the
nature of the costs expended on each investigation and/or remediation; and the segregation of project
costs between those generally deemed to be a cost of doing business in the mining industry and those
that can be attributed to unanticipated remediation costs.

Served as Project Manager for investigation and removal of approximately 30,000 yd3 of potentially
contaminated soil and asphalt material at the Terminal 18 site on Harbor Island, Washington. Designed
and prepared an SAP in an expedited fashion (less than one week). A volume of approximately 25,000
yd3 of asphalt material was designated for recycling, resulting in a significant cost savings.
Approximately, 5,000 yd3 of soil required disposal at a non-hazardous landfill, and only 150 yd3 required
disposal at a designated hazardous landfill. All material was removed from the site prior to the
redevelopment deadline, thus avoiding significant fines and costs associated with disposal at a hazardous
waste landfill.

Performed site assessment and evaluation of historical upland and sediment disposal practices along the
Tacoma waterfront for a confidential client. Focused on evaluating pyrogenic versus petrogenic PAHs and
included evaluation of coal and refined petroleum hydrocarbon distribution across the site. Cost analysis
included review of solid waste disposal costs.

Developed and implemented an (SAP) for the Sandy Hook (New Jersey) Maintenance Dredge and Beach
Nourishment Project. The objectives of the project were to restore adequate depth in a privately
maintained navigation channel leading to the Sandy Hook Yacht Club Estates Marina, restore and
stabilize the Sandy Hook beach, and provide the potential for surf smelt and sand lance habitat. The
maintenance dredging permit was obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The channel
sediments were sampled and analyzed and found suitable for dredging and placement onto the Sandy
Hook beach as a habitat enhancement project.

Provided expert declaration and expert testimony for the case of Morrison Knudsen Citation and Notice
No. 30304540, No. 01 W0158 with the State of Washington Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals.
Reviewed extensive data sets for metals concentrations and distributions in site soil and worker personal
air monitoring equipment. Applied a Roesner’s sequential procedure for determination of probable outliers
with a successful outcome.

Prepared expert report and provided expert testimony for potential wetland impact from vehicle emissions
and stormwater runoff at the Aegis Assisted Living site in Shoreline, Washington. Neighbors challenged
the original delineation studies and subsequent SEPA evaluations during construction activities (File No.
2000-0821). Court was unable to find any analysis of consequential impacts of vehicles using the
services, for example, potential adverse impacts of auto traffic, exhaust, oil spillage, and contamination
within the 1-ft buffer of the stream (Thornton Creek) and the 50-ft buffer of the wetlands. Retained to
provide expert opinion on the relative impacts to the wetland environment.

Served as project manager for the Brownfield redevelopment of a 50-acre former construction debris
landfill parcel on the north end of Lake Washington (Seattle area). Contaminants included asbestos-
containing materials, arsenic, and petroleum hydrocarbons in soils and groundwater located throughout
the site. Regulatory guidelines were developed for all media based on the most appropriate site data as
applied to both human and ecological receptors. Designed program timelines to meet permitting and
SEPA environmental deadlines for a very compressed schedule prior to initiation of new Model Toxics
Control Act (MTCA) regulations. Redevelopment values are estimated to be $200 million for phased
development of condominiums, restaurants, and businesses throughout the site.

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Served as program manager for development of corporate-wide risk management and emergency response planning studies for a major software company. Performed post-mortem analysis of the Nisqually earthquake and 9/11 using a cross-group emergency management team that included Security, Real Estate and Facilities, Internet Technology Group, Risk Management, Human Resources, Public Relations, and Legal & Corporate Affairs. This team worked together to develop the corporate-wide Puget Sound ERP. The plan evaluated potential natural and human-caused disasters from the individual, building, and corporate-wide viewpoints. Included implementation at 75 building locations affecting 40,000 employees. The efforts complemented other measures that corporate security was implementing to increase the safety and security of the Puget Sound locations. Project was highly successful and supported by management. Included development of building-specific ERPs, online training tools, quick reference documents for each office, building signage, drills, and cross-organizational ERPs.

Retained by attorneys to provide oversight for investigation and sampling activities, potential remedial costs, and litigation support at the North 60 ° Petro site in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Prepared a comprehensive report detailing contaminant distributions throughout site soils and groundwater. Site was used as part of the Canol Project, which included a large oil refinery built as part of the World War II defense strategy by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project also involved the development of the Norman Wells oilfields and construction of several sections of crude-oil pipeline to the refinery in 1944.

Served as project manager for the Haug Channel Homeowners Association step-wise sediment evaluation prior to initiation of potential dredging activities at this shore-side community at the southern end of Fairweather Bay in Hunts Point, Washington. Evaluated existing sediment conditions (surficial and at depth) comparing the results to local use standards, sediment management standards (SMSs), and Puget Sound Dredged Disposal Analysis (PSDDA) protocols in anticipation of dredging activities. Prepared the SAP and quality assurance project plan (QAPP), performed sampling, and generated the final report.

Managed drilling, water sampling, pump testing, and modeling of aquifer characteristics for two wells at the Cama Beach and Lime Kiln Point State Parks. Lime Kiln Point State Park is located on San Juan Island, where existing wells had exhibited saltwater intrusion. A new 5-in. water well was installed to 560 ft. in difficult basalt geology. Cama Beach State Park is located on Camano Island, Washington, and required a new 6-in. well. Sampled both wells to determine requirements for potable water. Twenty-four-hour pump tests determined aquifer characteristics.

Served as project manager and evaluated existing sediment conditions (surficial and at depth) comparing the results to SMS and PSDDA protocols in anticipation of constructing a reinforced concrete haulout for Delta Marine Industries, Inc. Prepared SAP and QAPP, performed sampling, and generated the final report. Following successful negotiation of a joint aquatic resources permit application (JARPA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ecology, the Delta Marine boatlift, as planned, was constructed in 2000. Ecology’s response letter reported a No Further Action decision and commended the high quality of the report.

Managed geological evaluation for an in situ vitrification project at Los Alamos National Laboratory Radiological Waste. A drain field constructed to dispose wash water from laundry facilities at the laboratory was contaminated with perchloroethylene and particles of low-level radiation. Conducted in situ vitrification as a field scale pilot study using a small scaled test module to determine how to reduce radiological contamination of the contaminated soil water contained within the drain/septic field.

Managed evaluation of near-surface sediments in the vicinity of Totem Marina, a pleasure boat and yacht marina (Commencement Bay, Washington) with haulout facilities, upland dry storage, and marine sales and service, on behalf of a potential purchaser. Prepared SAP and QAPP, performed sampling, and generated the final report.

Served as project manager for a criminal investigation directed by EPA Region 10 as a result of the...
removal from a CERCLA site of 660 yd3 of potentially contaminated soil. Soil was disposed of at a commercial topsoil facility near Maple Valley, Washington. Because these soils were not sampled prior to removal from the CERCLA site and placed at an offsite facility without proper manifesting, the Criminal Investigation Divisions of EPA and Ecology monitored all site investigation activities conducted at the offsite facility. Detailed sampling and analysis resulted in location of the suspected soil and determination that it was below regulatory levels. Case resulted in no criminal actions.

Served as principal investigator providing expert guidance for the evaluation of the former Matsushita Semi-Condutor of America Facility in Puyallup, Washington, prior to transfer of the property to Microchip Corporation ($80 million). Environmental site assessment included collection of sediment, soil, sludge, groundwater, and surface water samples throughout the 686,000-ft2 cleanroom facility and 92-acre campus. The plant consisted of three main building areas equipped with state-of-the-art clean rooms and air emission and wastewater treatment facilities and was surrounded by parking and delivery drives.

Participated in the Calcasieu Estuary Study as a project manager. Study area consisted of surface water, sediments, and related wetlands and wetland soil of Bayou d'Inde, Bayou Verdine, the Calcasieu River, and the Calcasieu Ship Channel from the saltwater barrier to the northern end of Moss Lake near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Led the team in developing an integrated RI/FS and NRDA work plan and submitted it to EPA, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, NOAA, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review and comment. The statement of work represented one of the only cases in which the RI/FS and NRDA processes have been fully integrated. Work plans detailed processes used to develop all field sampling protocols and integrate the evaluation of remedial and restoration alternatives for chlorinated solvents, dioxins, PCBs, PAHs.

Served as site operations manager for the United Park City Mines Company. Developed and implemented site restoration and revegetation plans for several high mountain (5,500 to 9,000 ft amsl) mine sites. Sites included waste-rock dumps, milling, processing, and hard-rock shaft locations and varied dramatically in slope, aspect, elevation, erosion potential, topsoil, water retention capacity, etc. These areas were redeveloped as home sites.

Served as site operations manager and implemented restoration and revegetation activities to return native species to a man-made, highly disturbed lake structure. Involved combining different aspects of environmental and landscape design to produce a natural habitat with native plants and sufficient fish habitat for a viable system. Several innovative techniques ensured restoration activities resulted in a viable system and minimized additional disturbance. All landscape, native plantings, fish habitat, stream modification, and final contouring on the lake were performed prior to filling. Construction work included surveying, soil removal and placement, large structure and rock placement, dam spillway placement, erosion control measures (vegetative and geotextile), entrant stream modification, aeration (natural and solar powered), dock installation, irrigation (pressure-head driven, non-invasive), and native plantings (trees, shrubs, grasses, wildflowers, and forbs).

Technical reviewer and site expert for the evaluation of chlor-alkali plant operations and contaminant distributions in the site soil and groundwater around the Buna Petrochemical Refinery in Buna, Germany. Provided input into development of sampling programs and protocols for soil, groundwater, and sediments. Contaminants included chlorinated solvents, TCDD, vinyl chloride, and mercury. Reviewed and developed potential remedial scenarios and cost analysis.

Prepared the site uplands and sediment data collection and evaluation report in preparation for soil and sediment remediation at a former Union Carbide petrochemical plant at Homebush Bay, near Sydney, Australia. Site had produced Agent Orange (2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, dioxins) for use during the Vietnam War. Manufacturing processes and various spills had contaminated site-wide soil and nearshore sediments of the western bay shore. Report provided a basis for establishing cleanup goals with consideration of human health, ecological risk factors, and local regulations.

Provided technical input and oversight in development of an SAP for investigation of DNAPL
contamination at a petrochemical facility in Altona, Victoria, Australia. DNAPL wastes had been placed in landfills on the site and consisted of chlorinated solvents with PCBs and dioxins. Site geology consisted of clays and silts but the flow of groundwater was complicated by the presence of a fractured basalt aquifer in the subsurface.

Served as a program manager for extensive site groundwater assessment and soil sampling program for evaluation and remediation of a 20-hectare former tank farm and refinery sludge storage area located at the Dock Sud industrial complex of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Heavy industry, including petroleum and chemical refining, paint pigment production, glass, coking, etc., used the immediate area surrounding the facility. Performed a site investigation and remedial actions analysis to determine necessary remediation system. Evaluated several remedial options, including incineration, thermal desorption, in situ fixation, slurry wall and cap, groundwater treatment, landfill, and no action. In late 1996, site remediation was initiated using in situ fixation and soil stabilization. Used multi-national and World National Health Organization analytical tools to develop remedial options and present the first judicially approved risk-based cleanup criteria for Argentina. Total estimated project value was $5,200,000.

Supervised analysis of wastewater source characterization for a chemical plant in Aratu, Brazil. Evaluated all sources of water in the plant to prepare a design and cost basis for the proposed plant wastewater treatment system upgrade. Included preparation of all Phase I design package and project control materials. Construction of the wastewater plant upgrade and control project was completed in 1997.

Managed environmental impact analysis on a 4-hectare property located in the Capital Federal District of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Performed work as a preliminary response to using the property for development of a solid, sludge, and liquid waste treatment facility in accordance with Argentine Law 24.051. The waste treatment plant was a centralized location for the treatment and handling of liquid waste products from service stations and ships. Prepared Phase I and III design package materials for the waste treatment plant to remediate ship and service-station waste products. This was the first plant designed for the purpose of treating and recycling hazardous waste products in Argentina.

Served as general manager in the application of a detailed EIA on a 50-hectare former pharmaceutical manufacturing facility located in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in accordance with Argentine Law 24.051. Investigation results indicated remedial actions were necessary. Work included installation of a soil vapor extraction system to remediate acetone vapors using U.S. thermal oxidation equipment; the uncovering, decontamination, and removal of 11 underground storage tanks with combined capacity of over 575,000 liters; the performance of in situ and ex situ bioremediation of soil contaminated with kerosene through heavy fuel oil; the removal and repair of asbestos-containing materials; and the evaluation and maintenance of PCB-containing machinery. Ultimately, the site was sold. Those negotiating the sale used the EIA and resultant remedial report to document and verify that environmental liabilities had been remediated and that value had been returned to the site.

Served as the general manager in the application of a detailed EIA and feasibility study analysis for the purchase/sale of a 100-hectare former chloride manufacturing facility located in Neuquen, Argentina in accordance with Argentine Law 24.051. Investigations results indicated remedial actions were required for a number of problem areas at the site. Mercury contamination was found at several locations where elemental mercury had contaminated the groundwater and soils beneath the site. This was compounded by the presence of vinyl chloride and dioxins. Designed a cut-off wall and water treatment system to contain the groundwater contaminant plume within the site boundaries during feasibility study analysis. Evaluated remedial costs with respect to the total facility operational costs.

Directed site remediation for a service station in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Included installation of soil vapor extraction wells and the importation of thermal oxidizer equipment to treat soil vapors contaminated with gasoline, diesel, and kerosene at the site. All work complied with regulations established by the Dangerous Waste Law No. 24.051 of Argentina and the Municipalidad de Buenos Aires.

Served as program manager and directed extensive site assessment, soil sampling program, and
groundwater monitoring network installation (100 samples, 48 borings, 12 wells, and 63 piezometers) at an ethylene dichloride waste management area at a chemical plant in Talcahuano, Chile (200 km south of Santiago). In the late 1970s and early 1980s, DNAPL (i.e., mixed chlorinated solvents, EDC, PCBs, vinyl chloride, dioxins) contamination was buried in shallow, near-surface pits. Site investigation and remedial action analyses determined the necessary remediation system. Evaluated several remedial options, including incineration, thermal desorption, in situ fixation, slurry wall and cap, groundwater treatment, landfill, and no action. In late 1995, the installation of a site groundwater containment system, slurry wall, and cap was approved and scheduled for construction in early 1996. Total estimated project value was $5,400,000. Remedial activities included installation of approximately 2 km of slurry wall to a nominal depth of 25 m, surface water drainage controls, constructed site cap (both soil and asphalt), irrigation system, and groundwater control and treatment systems. The project was completed and the system was operational in early 1997.

Served as both project manager and geohydrologist while preparing RFI work plan for sediments, soil, and groundwater investigations at The Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas (Blocks A-41/A-42). Site investigation included evaluation of three separate groundwater aquifers contaminated with two distinct DNAPLs (primarily EDC wastes with PCBs and dioxins in excess of 40,000,000 gallons). The complex Gulf Coast site stratigraphy required extensive evaluation of the groundwater regime. Remedial options evaluation included placement of horizontal wells, interception trenches, large-bore DNAPL collection systems, and hydraulic barriers. Prepared both human and ecological risk assessments in an integrated, proactive approach.

Managed installation of soil vapor extraction system at the Well 12A Superfund Site in Tacoma, Washington. The system operates through 22 wells at a maximum 3,000 ft³ per minute, extracting VOCs and other chlorinated solvents from the subsurface. Constructed with the ability to control and monitor the soil gas extraction process from any configuration of the system, the gas treatment system involved filtering hot soil gas for particulates, then cooling the gas and extracting VOCs. The gas treatment system cycles were controlled with a programmable logic controller (PLC) system that determined valve opening and closure for each cycle. Responsible for constructing and optimizing the subsurface system, including input and calibration for a modular, 3-dimensional, finite-difference model, using a combination of model packages (VENTING, MOTRANS, MODFLOW). Used flow model for assessment of conceptual design scenarios, estimation of capture zone and stagnation points, and evaluation of the capture zone with varying extraction rates and configurations.

Served as project manager for sediment dredging project associated with a dockside spill of ethylene dichloride (EDC) at The Dow Chemical Company Plant A facility in Freeport, Texas, in the Brazos River Harbor area adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway. DNAPL was released while loading from dockside facilities to a barge. Dredging was implemented on an expedited schedule, and sediments were removed using a barge-mounted environmental clamshell dredge to barges for removal from the site. Both dockside and unloading facility worker health and safety were monitored continuously using both site-wide and personal air monitoring equipment. Site cleanup activities proceeded to completion on the expedited schedule with no health and safety issues.

Prepared RCRA corrective measures study (CMS) for soil and groundwater investigation at The Dow Chemical Company in Pittsburg, California. Site investigation included evaluation of shallow groundwater aquifers contaminated with arsenic, chromium, and lead, resulting in potential contamination of bay sediments. Complex San Francisco Bay site stratigraphy required extensive evaluation of the groundwater regime. Preparatory work included statistical evaluation of soil and groundwater contaminant levels prior to evaluating in-place closure. Prepared cost analyses for appropriate waste management units.

Managed RCRA facility investigation (RFI) that addressed the requirements noted in the RCRA Part B permit covering an inactive solvent recycling facility located outside Portland, Oregon. Because the permit was issued jointly by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Division of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the Region 10 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
the entire facility was treated as a single solid waste management unit. The permit required an RFI to be performed on the entire facility. Indoor and outdoor drum storage areas had been used for storing spent chlorinated solvents prior to reclamation within the onsite distillation unit or transport to offsite hazardous waste management facilities for disposal. Leaks and spills from these areas had resulted in a large chlorinated solvent plume in the local groundwater system.

Evaluated extensive chlorinated solvent groundwater plumes at two separate locations in Burbank/North Hollywood, California. Groundwater evaluation included regional geology, groundwater pumping, reinjection, and treatment. Assisted development of dual train stripping tower treatment system.

Assisted legal counsel in preparation and evaluation of historical use practices, data analysis, data interpretation, report preparation, and regulatory interaction for a 1,600-acre former dynamite production plant. Performed detailed analysis on the chemical and physical hazards present at the site and documented remedial and physical cleanup actions. Ultimate site use included recovery of forest products, residential homes, public facilities, and a proposed golf course.

Managed and prepared evaluation of injecting treated groundwater into an existing, saturated aquifer at the Shell Refinery in Carson, California, south of Los Angeles. Characterized quality and quantity of the proposed injection water and the injection zone. Assessed potential chemical interactions between native and injected fluids.

Managed site investigation, performed soil sampling, and documented findings in support of litigation for a property in Woodinville, Washington. Onsite contaminants resulted from poor materials handling processes that occurred on the upgradient, adjacent property. As a direct result of the findings, the upgradient property owners assumed liability and costs associated with remediation of contaminants on the property.

Managed site investigation, performed sediment sampling, and documented findings in support of litigation for the Cedar River Delta in Lake Washington near Renton, Washington. Designed program to evaluate PCB and metals concentrations for the shallow, nearshore, lacustrine sediments. Contaminants resulted from multiple industrial activities associated with poor materials handling processes that occurred on the upgradient, adjacent property.


Prepared expedited RI/FS for multiple potentially liable parties (PLPs) at a site where free-phase gasoline was distributed in subsurface soil over a 20-acre area. Designed work plan to provide data of sufficient quality and quantity to evaluate remedial options and support human health risk assessment. Prepared reports in a limited time period to avert a probable enforcement order by Ecology (State of Washington). Included preparation of a multi-media work plan and human health risk evaluation that required substantial interaction with multiple PLPs and negotiation with Ecology.

Managed MTCA -based site assessment and investigation for the Port of Seattle at the former Coast Guard Facility along Salmon Bay in Seattle, Washington. Included installation of site-wide groundwater wells, soil sampling, storm drain sediment sampling, and aquatic sediment sampling. Integrated data into a conceptual model of fate and transport of site contaminants based on former industrial practices at the site. Information collected at the site was integrated into an ecological and human health risk assessment used to direct potential remedial alternatives.

Served on retainer for litigation in support of analysis of site contamination (soil, sediments, surface water, and groundwater) at a historical industrial complex and municipal landfill in the sensitive estuarine environment adjacent to Grays Harbor, Washington. Prepared written materials and assessments prior to litigation. The bankruptcy court allowed the property to be abandoned, allowing the client to settle debt.

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and remove one of the longest held bankruptcy cases in the U.S. 9th District Court.

Served as program manager for the closure of Class V injection wells under EPA Order on Consent at seven sites for a major oil company. Project involved substantial interaction with the client and Ecology to initiate and maintain this program under rigorous MTCA regulatory and time constraints. Included work plan preparation, coordination of field and laboratory activities, data review and analysis, and closure report preparation. Field operations consisted of excavation and removal of the injection wells, hollow-stem auger soil boring, installation of monitoring wells, and environmental sampling.

Served as program manager for Phase I and II underground storage tank site investigations for a major oil company. Work included installation, operation, and maintenance of groundwater treatment, vapor extraction, and air sparging systems; tank removal; and site closure at more than 50 sites.

Managed site assessment work plan and sampling program for a former lumber mill and municipal landfill site in the estuarine environment near Grays Harbor, Washington. Coordinated all field work, including collection of soil, surface water, sediment, and subsurface samples for detailed metals and organic contaminant analyses. Developed Washington State MTCA cleanup standards based on human and ecological health.

Prepared soil investigation and hydrogeologic study plans for RI/FS at the Alkali Lake site in eastern Oregon. The site was used for storage and disposal of chemical wastes. It is situated in a non-draining basin and was contaminated with process sludges that were stored in barrels at the site from the manufacturing of pesticide (2,4-D).

Performed full-scale flue dust waste treatability and metals recycling evaluation, including column leaching tests, batch tests, and pre- and post-treatment chemical analyses. Results allowed the client to decide against proceeding with this flue dust treatment alternative because of unacceptable lead concentrations in the waste filter cake. The primary environmental matrix evaluated was flue dust.

Managed multiple RI/FSs and engineering evaluation/cost analyses (EE/CAs) to evaluate soils, air, vegetation, surface water, and groundwater at a 20-mi2 former smelter site near Anaconda, Montana. Sampling included placement of 27 wells, collection of approximately 10,000 soil samples, analysis of surface drainage and erosion, installation of an air monitoring network, and conduct of phytotoxicity. Integrated data into an ArcInfo ® GIS for rapid review and analysis, including evaluation of potential offsite transport of specific contaminants in surface soils using physiographic conditions and the modified USLE, groundwater modeling, kriged summarization of three-dimensional soil contaminant distributions, groundwater modeling, and statistical summarization of contaminant distributions for evaluation of human health risk and contaminant transport and fate. Extensive use of statistical methods provided the client with focused revision of the EPA-mandated sampling programs into manageable and cost-effective forms.

Managed, designed, and prepared work plan and QAPP for a flue-dust reclamation pilot test to render RCRA waste less hazardous while reclaiming metals. Performed all test process sampling, QA/QC, and data analysis for the project report.

Served as the site data coordinator for natural resource damage assessment for a large CERCLA mine site in the western United States. Data included over 250,000 entries of soil, water, vegetation, and miscellaneous chemical information.

Managed EE/CA for two smelter sites near Anaconda, Montana. Prepared work and site safety plans while coordinating field work.

Evaluated distribution and regulatory implications of mine tailings throughout a former mill in New Mexico. Regulatory evaluation included country-wide evaluation of disposal options and action levels for various metals contaminants. Prepared and reviewed fate-and-transport analysis of arsenic, cadmium, and lead in surface and groundwater. Some of the work included a statistical evaluation of the spatial distribution of

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managed surficial soil with respect to surface drainage patterns. Also analyzed regulations relating to potential cleanup standards and guidelines.

Managed work plan preparation for site remedial investigation of air, contaminant sources, soils, surface water, groundwater, geology, hydrostratigraphy, and public health at Smelter Hill, Anaconda, Montana.

Prepared hydrologic assessment of contaminant transport from the 58-acre waterfront site inhabited by McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Co. between 1944 and 1991. Site work included evaluation of NAPL and DNAPL flow paths to the Willamette River, and PCP and PAH contamination in the uplands and river sediments.

Prepared site geohydrologic evaluation for RCRA site assessment and compliance monitoring evaluation at a hazardous waste site in Cody, Wyoming.

Prepared soil, surface water, and geohydrologic analysis of a tidally influenced hazardous waste site (RCRA) at a timber treating facility near Olympia, Washington. Cascade Pole Co. wood treatment facilities operated at the site from 1957 to 1986. Similar site operations dated back to 1939. Site is located on Budd Inlet in Olympia, Washington, and the primary contaminants were creosote and pentachlorophenol.

Assisted in geologic and hydrostratigraphic evaluation of a site for a NOAA natural resource risk assessment project in Tampa Bay, Florida. Evaluated upland sites as potential contaminant source areas for estuarine sediments.

Prepared site hydrological model and contaminant transport analysis for the tidally influenced 3,780-acre site located on the east side of Bainbridge Island, in Central Puget Sound, Kitsap County, Washington. Site consisted of an inactive 40-acre wood-treating facility adjacent to the 500-acre Eagle Harbor. From 1905 to 1988, wood-treating operations were conducted on the southeast shore, involving pressure treatment with creosote and pentachlorophenol.

Prepared site geophysical and geohydrologic investigation and reconnaissance survey work plan for a CERCLA mine site at Bunker Hill, Idaho. This included an evaluation of a series of valleys with very tight configurations and fill sediments for hydraulic connectivity.

Prepared a workplan for sediment sampling following PSDDA protocols. Using gravity coring devices and bucket samplers, collected Commencement Bay sediment samples. Prepared quantitative analytical results, integrated these results into the basin-wide database, and compared relative toxicity based on chemical mix.

Prepared siting analysis for dredge disposal materials collected in San Francisco and Oakland Bays. Included evaluation of upland, nearshore, and deep-water disposal options for dredge materials. Used standards of analysis, environmental impact, and site characteristics to evaluate the relative impact of disposal at each site.

Wrote technical memorandum pertaining to potential remedial technologies for in situ amelioration of inorganic contamination. Also provided technical and cost reviews of soil solidification, deep soil mixing, and in situ vitrification.

Prepared site evaluation for potential natural resource damage claims at a metal plating/ anodizing facility on Long Island, New York. Evaluated upland sites as potential contaminant source areas for estuarine sediment loading.

Managed field and laboratory investigation of trace-element contamination in surficial soils at an 8.5-mi2 site in Butte, Montana. Developed work plan and QA/QC project plan, performed statistical analysis of data, and prepared project reports. Performed sampling based on a statistical approach to minimize the
total number of samples while maximizing the statistical significance of grouped samples. Sample groups included vegetable gardens, flower gardens, playgrounds, schools, private-residence yards, waste piles, street sweepings, vacant lots, and hockey rinks. Approximately 200 locations were sampled.

Coordinated preparation of a smelter RI/FS master investigation report, including fate and distribution of contaminants in all media. Performed geological and reconnaissance investigations for a 20-mi² site.

Coordinated preparation of the Mill Creek, Montana, RI/FS on a compressed time schedule. Primary responsibilities included evaluation of geology, hydrostratigraphy, and hydrology; field sampling for soils; planning and implementation of bench and pilot studies; and reconnaissance surveys.

Prepared maps and documented potential remedial action operable units within the Clark Fork River drainage in southwest Montana.

Managed preparation of the Butte, Montana, RI/FS work plan, including public health impacts; air, soils, surface water, and groundwater site reconnaissance; historical mining practices; geologic background evaluation; and hydrological investigations.

Prepared statistical summaries and data organization for preparation of an endangerment assessment for Mill Creek, Montana.

Participated in sediment sampling efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, southern California, Alaska, and the Puget Sound for feasibility studies and petroleum hydrocarbon exploration and distribution and mapping.

Served as a field geologist for a deep, continuous-borehole geological and geo-physical logging operation in Loving County, Texas. Included local and regional stratigraphic correlation, aquifer definition, and subsurface geologic property evaluation.

Served as project stratigrapher for numerous offshore hydrocarbon exploration cruises in Alaska and the U.S. West and Gulf Coasts. Coordinated real-time mapping activities of hydrocarbon potential. Surveys included reflection and refraction profiling designed to evaluate near-surface potential geohazards and deep structural and stratigraphic sequences. Designed and evaluated geophysical borehole programs, including sonic velocity, resistivity, gamma ray, induction, and spontaneous potential.
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Appendix C

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18 AAC 70.020. Water quality standards for designated uses.


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