

# Cherie N. McKenna



With almost thirty years of professional experience, Ms. McKenna has the knowledge and skills to plan, implement and monitor complex projects successfully from start to finish. Her expertise in leading cross-functional teams to deliver project objectives on time, within budget, and with quality guarantees is unsurpassed. She strives to successfully manage projects to completion by utilizing organizational, problem-solving and time management skills. She values efficient communication, organization and creativity and has a proven track record of meeting high expectations, managing multiple tasks and successfully delivering projects on schedule.

She understands the importance of balancing quality and budget during the course of a project and utilizes excellent problemsolving and decision-making skills to produce successful project outcomes.

She is a co-founder of Novesis, Inc. where, in addition to managing daily operations and client site assessment projects, she provides oversight for project scoping, proposal preparation, and completion of workplans. She is an experienced Comprehensive, Environmental Liability and Compensation Act (CERCLA) site assessment and remediation project manager with a strong working knowledge of federal and state voluntary clean-up programs and guidelines.

She is regarded by Novesis' clients as a valuable resource on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste matters (particularly in the areas of permitting, training, contingency planning, waste determinations, enforcement matters, recycling determinations and representative waste sampling). She has an extensive working knowledge of the hazardous waste management regulations, and the RCRA corrective action assessment and remediation process.

### **SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE**

Novesis, Inc. - Lexington, SC.

Vice President (2008 - Present)

In 2008 Ms. McKenna co-founded Novesis, Inc., a trusted provider of professional environmental consulting services, functioning as the Vice-President and Operations Manager.

Her professional qualifications and experience combine to create a highly successful project manager.

Ms. McKenna manages a diverse portfolio of clients, working closely with their staff and Novesis' staff to create, implement and monitor project strategies, including scheduling and coordination of field activities necessary to successfully advance projects through applicable regulatory programs (CERCLA, RCRA and State Voluntary Cleanup Contracts (VCCs)).

Ms. McKenna acts as project manager for numerous contaminated site projects. She manages environmental sampling investigations requiring technical support, including subcontractor selection and scheduling, review of historic site documents, data evaluation, and client coordination. Ms. McKenna provides project oversight for field programs including environmental drilling, monitoring well installation, groundwater, soil, sediment and hydric soil sampling, and aquifer recharge evaluations. She prepares and contributes to technical reports related to site monitoring and progress, including, but not limited to: work plans, health and safety plans, environmental site investigations, groundwater quality evaluations, groundwater modeling, and site closure reports.

She has authored numerous Hazardous Waste Contingency Plans (fully compliant with the new Hazardous Waste Generator Improvement Regulations, and applicable permitted facility regulations), and has provided oversight on a number of comprehensive hazardous waste characterization projects.

She works directly with the President/CEO on special projects, regulatory research, company policies, procedures, and correspondence. She is responsible for coordinating internal resources and third parties/vendors for successful execution of projects. She works with staff (and outside vendors) to ensure that all projects were delivered on-time, within scope and within budget. She is responsible for new project scoping, client interaction, project management and accounting.

#### **AECOM Environment - Columbia, SC.**

Office Operations Manager (2006 to 2008)

Served as a liaison for implementation of the corporate Environmental Health and Safety program at the local level. Worked with Regional Health and Safety and EHS managers to ensure regulatory compliance within operations office facilities. Served as office procurement facilitator to create, issue and perform final review of subcontractor purchase orders. Assisted project managers in the preparation of technical reports, proposals and client presentations. Participation on medium to large sized projects, including having responsibility for client interface, subcontracting, project team assignments, resource scheduling, and project completion for all areas of expertise for the department. Maintained a system of continuing coordination, follow ups and monitoring of subcontractor operations.

## Lake Development Group, Inc. - Newport Beach, CA.

Operations Manager (1994 to 2006)

As the Operations Manager for Lake Development, Inc., Ms. McKenna was responsible for managing new construction development projects. She worked directly with lenders to coordinate construction loan draw payment schedules, fund distribution, and proper cost allocation. She maintained project responsibility from pre-construction to closeout; client and subcontractor relations, team collaboration, project scheduling, budgets, change orders, and submissions. Assisted the President and CEO in negotiating and drafting letters of intent (LOI) for purchase with sellers. Additionally, Ms. McKenna independently developed an accounting system for the company to track all construction and project acquisition costs totaling over 18 million dollars per year.

## TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Formally trained in environmental sampling techniques, sample location selection, maintenance and proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and behavior-based safety.
- Formal training on RCRA regulations including Land Disposal Restrictions, Waste Characterization, Exclusions and Exemptions, and Generator Classification and General Requirements.
- OSHA 40 Hour Hazwoper / 8 Hour Refresher Training.
- OSHA Ionizing Radiation Safety Training.
- Experienced in use of x-ray refraction (XRF) devices and the Color Tec chlorinated solvent field screening technology.
- Member of South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Environmental Technical Committee.