

NOVESIS. Cherie N. McKenna, CES

Ms. McKenna has nearly thirty years of professional environmental industry experience. She possesses 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 problem-solving 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 Director of Operations.

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

Ms. McKenna manages a diverse client portfolio, working closely with key individuals 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/Brownfields Programs).

Ms. McKenna acts as project lead 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 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 are delivered on-time, within scope and within budget. She is responsible for new project scoping, client interaction, project management and accounting.

Ms. McKenna works directly with the President/CEO on special projects and regulatory research with an emphasis on automobile and battery manufacturers, advanced battery technology recyclers, and facilities that recover critical minerals from lithium-ion batteries to reintroduce them back into the supply chain.

She has a strong understanding of current and emerging federal and state RCRA regulations applicable to facilities that recycle and recover critical minerals from lithium-ion batteries, and the management of materials that may be generated during recycling processes.

Ms. McKenna is an effective resource in helping clients identify opportunities for recycling outside the scope of the full hazardous waste regulatory framework. She has extensive experience with all types of regulatory exemptions and exclusions, and the proper applications for each.

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 with soil and groundwater sampling and data analysis, the preparation of technical reports, proposals and client presentations. Worked with the environmental team on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) projects to quantify and characterize product inputs, outputs, and the potential environmental impacts of material flows for industrial clients across multiple sectors. 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, navigating sites through various state environmental programs, and working with geotechnical firms in the preparation of Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA).

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

- National Registry of Environmental Professionals (NREP) Certified Environmental Scientist (CES)
- Formally trained in environmental sampling techniques, sample location selection, maintenance and proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and behavior-based safety.
- Formally trained on RCRA regulations including Land Disposal Restrictions, Waste Characterization, Exclusions and Exemptions, and Generator Classification, and Generator 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.
- Antarctica Participated in 2011 Antarctic expedition to study the effects of climate change on the polar regions.

In addition, Ms. McKenna regularly participates in Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) training and regulatory workshops.