

Rick Allen Huckfeldt, CHMM, CSP – Biography

Beginning in 1991, Mr. Huckfeldt started his career at Hanford, one of the most chemically/radiologically contaminated sites in the world. Residing in Eastern Washington State, he attended Washington State University. He received his 40-Hour OSHA Hazwoper as a student engineer for Westinghouse Hanford Company (prime contractor to Dept. of Energy). He spent three summers in that position before being offered a full-time exempt employment in 1994 with Westinghouse after his B.S. in Environmental Sciences (emphasis in hazardous waste management) was conferred. In three years he was promoted to Facility Waste Coordinator (327 Laboratory) in 1997 and again in 1998 as Environmental Health and Safety Manager for multiple landfills in the Austin, TX area. It was during this time that he combined his “Environmental” knowledge with a sound “Safety” methodology.

Mr. Huckfeldt went back to work in the public sector as a waste permitting engineer for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) where he took every opportunity afforded to him to take internal/external classes and seminars. His duration there was not-unlike graduate school.

Mr. Huckfeldt spent the next two years working at one of the largest railcar service centers in North America. He managed the railcar cleaning program (and 18 operators) which provided a dynamic and chemically-diverse world as the tank cars carry numerous chemicals and would have significant heels that had to be verified, drained, stored and shipped in a safe and timely manner. During this position he achieved his CHMM (Masters Level) in 2001.

Mr. Huckfeldt moved into Superfund clean-up sites whereas he managed personnel but also participated in planning and executing the actual clean-up, budgeting, operating equipment, taking samples, etc.

Mr. Huckfeldt spent the next 4 years in private consulting. Deliverables included completing SPCC plans, SWPPPs, TRI Reporting and other technical documents.

In 2010, Mr. Huckfeldt returned to Hanford as a contractor and ultimately formed his own consulting firm that eventually led to him to pursue and complete the ASP/CSP accreditations.

Currently, Mr. Huckfeldt holds the position of Regulatory Compliance Officer/Government Relations Manager at a large-scale TSDf whereas he is responsible for all facets of operations being completed in compliance with all federal, state, county, and local regulations. The position is as rewarding as it is arduous. He turns his focus on the intricacies and interpretations of many regulations.

Mr. Huckfeldt has a vast array of experience (accumulating over almost three decades) nearly exclusively working with varied hazardous materials and responsible for their safe handling and ultimate treatment/disposal paths. He has positioned himself to where he can serve many different functions, public and private, within the EH&S field.

Mr. Huckfeldt resides in Richland WA, where he was raised. He has also lived/worked in Austin, Dallas, Baton Rouge, and Las Vegas before returning to his hometown in Richland. He likes golf, but is awful.