



Spill Response Specialist
Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC
Plymouth, MA

Job Description

Nuka Research is seeking a Spill Response Specialist with 6-10 years of professional experience in marine emergency preparedness and response. The position will be based in Plymouth, MA with flexibility to work from home under mutually agreed upon terms. Reporting to senior management, the Spill Response Specialist will be responsible for projects that relate to the development and implementation of geographic response strategies for marine oil pollution response. The position will also be responsible for training and exercising community-based local responders to build competency with spill response principles and tactics. The Spill Response Specialist may also contribute subject matter expertise to other projects ranging from technical analyses to the development of tactical response plans for marine incidents, as well as contributing to proposals and developing new product lines or business opportunities.

This position offers a unique mix of office work and field work including working on small to medium size vessels in coastal and inland waters. Occasional heavy lifting and working with typical protected and open-water rated oil spill response equipment is also expected. The position will require some travel in New England and occasionally elsewhere both nationally and internationally.

Enthusiasm for working as a team in a small company and building and maintaining positive relationships with a diverse array of clients (government, industry, Indigenous governments, and non-governmental organizations) are required. Nuka Research team members are disciplined, creative, and self-directed professionals who are willing to put in the time needed to deliver quality work on occasionally tight deadlines, with the reward of meaningful work and flexible work hours. Opportunities for additional training and professional growth are provided to motivated personnel.

General Responsibilities and Duties

- Supporting oil spill response exercise planning and facilitation
- Delivering training on spill response tactics and equipment
- Providing strategic or technical support to projects as assigned
- Overseeing administrative support staff
- Adhering to company policies and procedures
- Attending periodic professional meetings and conferences

Qualifications and Skills - *While expertise across all these subject areas is not required, successful candidates must have some experience with marine pollution response as well as conducting training courses, drills, and exercises.*

- Technical experience with marine pollution preparedness and response, including understanding of U.S. legislative and regulatory framework and best practices for planning and response
- Familiarity or direct experience with the following topics:
 - Geographic Response Plans/Strategies as they relate to oil and hazardous material response in both coastal and inland waters
 - Incident Command System (ICS) and use of ICS forms. Past experience and active participation within an Incident Command and/or Unified Command staff during actual all-hazard response operations is a plus.
- Demonstrated success in the following skills:
 - Training and instruction, both for classroom and functional (hands-on) courses
 - Public speaking
 - Meeting facilitation
 - Proactive and professional communication with company personnel, clients, state and federal agencies, and the general public
- Competence with Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat software, and ability to learn new systems as needed
- Enthusiasm for serving our clients' needs, building new skills, and being part of a small team

Please note that a Covid vaccination is required for this position to comply with our government contracting arrangements.

Applications

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume and a cover letter describing relevant experience and interest in the position. Applicants will be selected for interviews based on the materials provided. Please send materials to admin@nukaresearch.com.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis.

About Nuka Research

Nuka Research is a consulting firm based in Plymouth, MA and Seldovia, AK. The substance of our work is marine emergency preparedness and response planning, with a focus on shipping and oil spill risks but also ranging into broader coastal hazard mitigation and response.

For more information, please see www.nukaresearch.com.