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Position Title:

**Environmental Scientist- Mining
Hydrology - (22142676)**



We are looking for a Mining Environmental Scientist with preference given to experience in groundwater hydrology and modeling, to join our team as part of the Air, Energy, and Mining Division's Coal Mining Section. The Coal Mining Section is responsible for ensuring the reclamation of land affected by surface and underground mining activity and regulation of development of coal mines in order to maintain the integrity of Montana's natural resources.

The Mining Environmental Scientist performs advanced professional analysis of proposed and existing mines essential to the implementation of mining programs in the State of Montana. Responsibilities may include: Review and assess hydrologic conditions and corresponding mining impacts taking into account geologic considerations at existing and proposed mine sites, including areas to be or that have been drastically disturbed by mining; Assessing and responding to permit applications, amendments and revisions; Determining whether applications, amendments and revisions are in compliance

with regulations and permit requirements; Reviewing and implementing state and federal statutes, rules, and policies; and Acting as a liaison for DEQ to the public and industry on matters related to mining impacts.

At the Department of Environmental Quality, our ultimate goal is to champion a healthy environment for a thriving Montana. DEQ employees are the heart of our organization. We value the people and invest in their professional growth, promoting a culture of cross-agency collaboration as we find solutions to the environmental challenges we face. DEQ values – leadership, accountability, customer service, efficiency, excellence, and decision making – are fundamental to our work. Come be a part of the [Department of Environmental Quality!](#)

The Mining Environmental Scientist position includes a career ladder for professional development and pay progression.

- Bachelor's degree in hydrology, geochemistry, or a closely related scientific discipline.
- Three years job-related experience in hydrology, geochemistry, or hydrologic and chemical analysis.
- Current valid Driver's License and clean driving record in accordance with State of Montana Vehicle Use Policy

Other combinations of education and experience may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

In your cover letter, describe how your education, knowledge, and skills have prepared you for this position.

Applications, including supplemental materials such as cover letter or resume, must be submitted through the State of Montana Careers site (<https://statecareers.mt.gov/>) by the closing date of the announcement.

Applicant Pool Statement: If another department vacancy occurs in this job title within six months, the same applicant pool may be used for the selection.

Training Assignment: This agency may use a training assignment. Employees in training assignments may be paid below the base pay established by the agency pay rules. Conditions of the training assignment will be stated in writing at the time of hire.

Salary: \$ 55,623.00 - 68,723.00 Yearly

Benefits Package Eligibility: Health Insurance, Paid Leave & Holidays, Retirement Plan

Number of Openings: 1

Employee Status: Regular

Schedule: Full-Time

Shift: Day Job

Travel: Yes, 20 % of the Time

Primary Location: Helena

Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Union: Montana Federation of Public Employees

Posting Date: Dec 16, 2022, 9:06:15 AM

Closing Date (based on your computer's timezone): Jan 6, 2023, 11:59:00 PM

Required Application Materials: Cover Letter, Resume

Contact Name: Tiffany Fontenot | **Contact Email:** Tiffany.Fontenot@mt.gov | **Contact Phone:** 406-444-4218

The State of Montana has a decentralized human resources (HR) system. Each agency is responsible for its own recruitment and selection. Anyone who needs a reasonable accommodation in the application or hiring process should contact the agency's HR staff identified on the job listing or by dialing the Montana Relay at 711. [Montana Job Service Offices](#) also offer services including assistance with submitting an online application.

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