

Vince Blubaugh – Principal/Senior Project Manager

Summary

Mr. Blubaugh is a Principal with GBM^c & Associates, Inc. He has over 22 years experience in water quality and environmental regulatory programs as a consultant and as a member of Senior Management at the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology. As a consultant, his experience includes serving as project manager for numerous NPDES permitting projects including Use Attainability Analyses, Toxicity Reduction Evaluations, and other studies relating to the implementation of state water quality standards through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

As a state program administrator his experience includes: management of the State of Arkansas water quality permitting, standards and enforcement activities; solid and hazardous waste program administration; and management of the municipal wastewater planning, design and construction activities. He was involved in the delegation of three federal programs (NPDES, RCRA and Construction Grants) to the state level. In addition, he administered the state Underground Injection Control (UIC) and CERCLA coordination programs.

Education

1976 BS Wildlife Ecology, Oklahoma State University

1978 MBA, Oklahoma State University

Experience

Water Quality

As a project manager, Mr. Blubaugh has been involved in numerous Water Quality Studies with an emphasis on the implementation of State Water Quality Standards through NPDES permits. In this capacity, he has managed Use Attainability Analysis and Section 4(g) projects which amended state Water Quality Standards, Toxicity Reduction Evaluations and dozens of NPDES permit issues. He has served as an expert witness in NPDES adjudication proceedings and in Clean Water Act citizen suits.

As Chief of the Water Division at the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, he supervised water quality management activities for the State of Arkansas within the regulatory framework of the Clean Water Act. These activities included: Supervision of the State of Arkansas NPDES Permit Program as authorized by the USEPA Region 6. In this capacity, he served as the signatory authority and drafted, issued and finalized NPDES permits under the federally authorized program. He was also responsible for enforcement of the NPDES Permitting Program; the Wasteload Allocation Technical Agreement between the State and the USEPA Region 6; the promulgation of state water quality standards (Regulation No. 2 of the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology); and the enforcement of water quality statutes (both state and federal). In this capacity, he was additionally responsible for the issuance and enforcement of no-discharge water quality permits (saltwater disposal and sludge application) and the federally-delegated Underground Injection Control program. He was also responsible for state Clean Lakes and Nonpoint source programs.

Construction Grants

Mr. Blubaugh managed the municipal wastewater planning, design, and construction programs under Title II of the Clean Water Act for the State of Arkansas. In this capacity, he supervised the development and implementation of a water quality based funding prioritization system, the review of planning and engineering documents, and the construction of inspection of municipal waste treatment facilities. He supervised the delegation of the federal program to the state under the provisions of the Clean Water Act.

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Hazardous and Solid Waste

As manager of state hazardous and solid waste management programs, Mr. Blubaugh was responsible for the promulgation of regulations, the technical review of remediation projects, and served as state lead for the authorization of the RCRA program from the federal to the state level. In addition, he served as supervisor of the Multi-site Cooperative Agreements with the USEPA under the CERCLA program. He also served as hearing officer for both RCRA and state solid waste permitting decisions.

Professional Affiliations

Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators

Arkansas Environmental Federation
