

Preston Skeath | Environmental Scientist

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Professional Summary:

Throughout seven years of industry experience, Mr. Skeath has implemented and supervised a range of environmental field services relating to soil, air, and water quality investigations, with additional experience in environmental compliance and technical writing. He has served as the primary field consultant for numerous long-term projects managing, assessing, and remediating various environmental issues including abandoned oil lines, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials storage and dumping, asbestos-containing pipes, and petroleum- and metals- impacted soils.

Mr. Skeath has frequently worked alongside the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Port of Los Angeles, Waste Management, numerous contractors, laboratories, and regulatory agencies to implement environmental assessments, soils remediation, and compliance. His areas of expertise include:

- Soils waste management and remedial excavation oversight
- AQMD Rule 1166 monitoring of VOC impacted soils
- UST removal
- Soil, soil vapor, and groundwater sampling
- Lithologic logging

Mr. Skeath currently serves as an Environmental Scientist in the Southern California District Site Assessment and Remediation department.

Licenses and Certifications:

OSHA 40 Hour HAZWOPER Training

8 Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training

Heat Illness Prevention Training for Supervisors

EPA 6200-compliant XRF Soil Screening

C2 Bloodborne Pathogens

CAL OSHA 10 Construction

Project Experience:

Active Cargo Terminal, Port of Los Angeles, CA

Site Assessment and Remediation

Provided environmental oversight for the utility and structural redevelopment of an active cargo terminal within the Port of Los Angeles for approximately two years. Environmental services included dust and air monitoring (1166 permit), soil and groundwater waste sampling, profiling and off-site management, and effective communication with contractors to ensure continual work progress and environmental compliance for regulatory agencies (EPA, TSCA).

EXIDE Technologies, East Los Angeles, CA

Off-Site Residential Site Assessment and Remediation

Assisted with the sampling, delineation, and removal of lead-impacted soils within residential neighborhoods throughout East Los Angeles. To insure resident and worker safety along with mitigation of fugitive dust, work areas were zoned, modified PPE was established, and dust monitoring and sampling stations upwind and downwind were implemented.

Former Nuclear Reactor Plant and Rocket Fuel Test Site, Canoga Park, CA

Radiological and Chemical Soil Survey

Assisted in an environmental survey (soils, geophysical, radiation, biological, cultural) for the Environmental Protection Agency at a 470-acre former nuclear power plant facility to assess for residual chemical impacts and radiation. Project required a cooperative relationship with the public and community stakeholders.

Former Gasoline Service Station, Los Angeles, CA

UST Removals and TPH Impacted Soils

Primary field consultant assisting with the removal of three 1,000-gallon underground storage tanks and the waste management of approximately 1,335 cubic yards of VOC-impacted soil under SCAQMD Rule 1166.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Environmental Scientist, Los Angeles, CA, 2018 - Present

Leighton Consulting, Irvine, CA, Staff Environmental Scientist, 2013 – 2017

The Palladino Company, Canoga Park, CA, Staff Environmental Scientist, 2010 – 2012

Bio-Research, Central Coast, CA, Senior Field Technician, 2008 – 2010

Education:

Soil Science, Bachelor in Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA, 2008