

Christopher Rude | Senior Project Manager, CSFT

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Professional Summary:

Christopher Rude is an Environmental Professional with approximately thirty-three years of experience in preparing and managing Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments of various types of large and small commercial, heavy industrial, oil production, and manufacturing properties. Mr. Rude has worked directly with clients and regulatory agencies to determine and assess environmental impacts, develop workplans by which to mitigate such conditions, and carry out the planned approach for closure. Mr. Rude's experience includes all aspects of environmental projects including Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, soil, soil vapor and groundwater sampling - Phase II Subsurface Site Assessments, vapor intrusion risk assessments, site characterization, removal of Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), and multi-stage clarifiers, and remedial cleanups of properties impacted by arsenic, organochlorine pesticides, chlorinated solvents, and fuel hydrocarbons.

Mr. Rude has completed numerous Phase II Environmental Site Assessments at a variety of sites including dry cleaners, auto repair shops, gasoline service stations, Brownfield sites, oil field properties, plating facilities, and site related to the semiconductor industry. Mr. Rude has successfully obtained closure for numerous Brownfield sites on behalf of clients from DTSC, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles City, and Ventura County Environmental Health.

Mr. Rude has completed and conducted senior reviews of numerous wildfire soot, ash and char assessments of residential properties for major insurance carriers as part of the Environmental Health & Safety Department. Mr. Rude oversees and mentors Project Managers on all aspects of environmental site assessments, writing and communications with clients and agencies, and aids in the preparation of the staff to be promoted to the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Environmental Health and Safety Departments.

Areas of Expertise:

- Environmental Consulting
- Environmental Compliance
- Environmental Due Diligence (Phase I / II Environmental Site Assessments)
- Third Party Document Review
- Wildfire Soot, Ash and Char Sampling and Report Reviews

Licenses and Certifications:

- American Council for Accredited Certification, Council-Certified Fire & Smoke Damage Technician, No. 2009002
- Environmental Professional, per the CFR Title 40, Chapter I, Subchapter J, Part 312, Subpart C, Section 312.21
- OSHA 40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Certified
- OSHA 8-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Certified

Project Experience:

Mr. Rude's current responsibilities as Senior Project Manager includes the preparation of Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments throughout California and several western states. Additional responsibilities include managing, mentoring and training Project Managers in all aspects of Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, Health and Safety Plans, marketing, and client relations, business development, and project management. Additionally, Mr. Rude is responsible for the completion and senior report review of Wildfire Soot, Ash and Char reports.

Sunflower Valley Farms LLC, Multiple Locations in Kings and Kerns Counties, CA Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Mr. Rude completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for a 12,685 acre ranch developed with agricultural land, 120 active or abandoned oil wells, active oil sumps, hazardous materials, pesticide storage areas, and aboveground storage tanks. Phase II recommendations were made for active oil wells and oil sumps.

Primestor Development, Inc. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Mr. Rude as the Senior Project Manager of a Phase I ESA and Asbestos/Lead Based Paint Survey of a 31-acre retail-commercial mall developed with twelve retail structures and medical clinic totaling approximately 383,000 square feet. The retail mall had undergone numerous subsurface assessments and remedial cleanup associated with a Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) and Spills, Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanups (SLIC) cases associated with a former gasoline service station and former dry cleaning facilities. Case closure was issued by the overseeing regulatory agency for the LUST case. Review of available documentation indicated that the SLIC case was to be issued case closure for soil and groundwater.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessments

Mr. Rude as the Senior Project Manager of several Phase I Environmental Site Assessment reports which were completed on commercial, heavy industrial, manufacturing, oil production, and semiconductor facilities throughout the United States. The sites were assessed due to the former underground storage tanks and long-term auto repair use of the property by multiple tenants. Several required Phase II Environmental Site Assessment. Results of the soil, soil vapor, and/or groundwater sampling indicated that the former or current uses did not represent an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment for commercial land use.

Major Insurance Institutions, Wildfire Soot, Ash and Char Assessments, Southern California

Mr. Rude has managed and conducted wildfire soot, ash and char assessments of residential properties with Southern California for several major insurance carriers in Southern California. Additionally, Mr. Rude is one of the lead senior reviewers of the assessment reports.

Phase II Environmental Site Assessments/Vapor Intrusion Risk Assessments

Mr. Rude has performed and provided project management on numerous Phase II Environmental Site Assessments on properties impacted by chlorinated solvents, fuel hydrocarbons, and heavy metals. Assessment activities also included oversight of geophysical surveys, sampling of soil, soil vapor, and groundwater using Geoprobe, hollow stem augers, or dual percussion air rotary rigs. Assessments also included monitoring for vapor intrusion and fixed gases. Conducted and prepared quarterly groundwater monitoring reports.



Professional Experience:

EFI Global Inc., Los Angeles, CA, Senior Project Manager, 2012 - Present
California Environmental, Agoura Hills, CA, Environmental Scientist, 1997 – 2012
MSE Environmental, Camarillo, CA, Environmental Specialist, 1992 – 1996

Specialized Education:

Assessment of LNAPL Volume, Mobility, and Recoverability for Recovery Systems; Design and Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA), National Groundwater Association, Houston Texas – November 2007

Seminar on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES), Riverside, California, Law Offices of Burke Williams & Sorensen LLP, 2004

Education:

Bachelor of Art, Environmental Studies and Planning, with an emphasis in hazardous materials management and toxicology, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California, 1992