

MICHAEL C. SCHMIDT

## Education

BA – Geology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1988

## Specialty Certifications

OSHA 40-Hour HAZWOPER Training and Annual 8-Hour Refresher Training

OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety Training

## Professional Affiliations

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

International Risk Management Institute (IRMI)

Society of Environmental Insurance Professionals (SEIP)

## Professional Experience

Mr. Schmidt is an accomplished leader with nearly 30 years of progressively-responsible experience in the environmental consulting and environmental insurance industries, with specific experience focusing on the evaluation of environmental risks and liabilities associated with insurance claims and underwriting, site investigation and remediation, due diligence, project management, and marketing. Mr. Schmidt recently joined SCS Engineers as a Project Director and is responsible for the growth and management of our environmental services practice in the greater New York area. The professional experience provided herein includes work performed prior to his joining SCS Engineers.

## Environmental Services

**Site Investigation and Remediation.** Planned, managed and executed dozens of investigations involving multiple media (i.e., soil, groundwater, surface water) and contaminants at a wide-variety of sites located throughout the eastern seaboard of the US. These sites have ranged in size and complexity from residential properties, to commercial/industrial facilities, to major military bases. Mr. Schmidt has participated in all aspects of these projects, including initial bid review and submittal, project scoping and pricing, project planning and staffing, completion of field activities, data evaluation, reporting and client presentations. Many sites required remediation, where Mr. Schmidt's involvement included remedial action evaluation, implementation, and reporting.

Specific projects involved environmental activities associated with underground storage tank (UST) and above-ground storage tank (AST) releases, dry cleaners, ISRA closures, historic fill, linear project corridors, a variety of commercial and industrial sites, and Brownfields sites, including the management and oversight of the remediation of the most heavily arsenic-contaminated site in New Jersey. Remedial actions have included soil excavation, pump and treat, air sparging and soil vapor extraction (AS/SVE), and innovative soil stabilization methodology.

Prepared, reviewed and managed reporting related to site investigations and remediation; and, necessary documentation to establish institutional controls consisting of Deed Notices / Declaration of Environmental Restrictions (DER) and Classification Exception Areas (CEA). Specifically in New Jersey, supported project Licensed Site Remediation

Professionals (LSRPs) from initial site assessment through issuance of Response Action Outcomes (RAOs), as appropriate.

Mr. Schmidt has significant experience in the review of and response to bid solicitations, through evaluation of bid scopes and determination bid viability, pre-bid conferences and site visits, preparation of proposals with highly varied work scopes and associated budgets, and presentations to the prospective client.

**Due Diligence.** Significant experience in conducting and managing Phase I and Phase II ESAs and other environmental assessments of residential, commercial and industrial properties throughout the NY/NJ metropolitan area for real estate companies, lending institutions, developers, and private individuals. Mr. Schmidt meets the definition of an Environmental Professional (EP) under the EPA All Appropriate Inquiries regulations (40 CFR 312).

### Environmental Insurance

Mr. Schmidt has over 15 years' experience in providing environmental consulting support services to a number of large insurance companies, pertaining to their evaluation of environmental claims and risk analysis associated with underwriting environmental policies for new and existing clients. Immediately prior to joining SCS, he developed an insurance services practice where insurers retained Mr. Schmidt's services to assist in the evaluation of environmental claims through the third-party review of project proposals, work plans, data, reports and regulatory correspondence, as well as attending meetings and mediations with the client.

While working with one of the world's largest insurance companies, Mr. Schmidt reviewed hundreds of environmental claims located at sites across the United States and Canada, and consistently reduced liabilities on these claims by successfully managing and controlling project scopes and costs. His experience includes a wide-range of environmental claim scenarios (i.e. gasoline/service stations, transportation accidents, the oil and gas industry, manufacturing and industrial facilities, asbestos, mold). Through his claims experience, Mr. Schmidt developed strong client service skills which resulted in consistently successful relationships with insurers, insureds, consultants, attorneys and regulators.