

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL PROCESS**

### **1. Application Process**

Individuals interested in becoming an Environmental Professional (EP) must provide an application to the Hazard Materials Management State Office Program Lead (SOPL) for review and concurrence. Upon review, the SOPL will determine if the applicant meets the requirements and forward the application to the EP panel for further consideration and evaluation. If the EP panel determines the applicant meets the requirements based on 40 CFR Part 312.10(b)(2), she or he will be added to the EP list. Applicants who do not meet the requirements will be notified and provided guidance on how to address their deficiencies.

### **2. Qualifying under 40 CFR Part 312.10(b) (2) (i), (iii), and (iv)**

Candidates qualifying under this criterion can complete Environmental Site Assessments upon concurrence of the EP panel. An EP remains current through continuing education. Candidates may be requested to take the EP course at the National Training Center (NTC) as a refresher.

### **3. Qualifying under 40 CFR Part 312.10(b) (2) (ii) Certified by the Federal Government**

If the EP panel determines the applicant has the equivalent of 3 years of full-time relevant experience but needs to be certified by the federal government to qualify as an EP, he or she will be recommended for the EP course at NTC. Applicants who seek certification by the federal government must complete and pass the BLM EP course.

### **4. Roles and Responsibilities in the Environmental Professional Process**

- State Office Program Lead (SOPL)
  - Provides recommendations for training.
  - Validates information on application.
  - Ensures each state has a cadre of trained EPs to review, comment and concur with applications.
  - Maintains the EP list as needed.
- Environmental Professional Panel
  - Ensures the national EP list is updated annually.
  - Coordinates with the NTC and SOPLs to review applications for certification.
  - Makes recommendations for EP certification
- Washington Office
  - Coordinates with the NTC to ensure training is available.
  - Serves as the final authority to determine who meets EP qualifications.
  - Distributes the list of EPs via Information Bulletin.
- National Training Center
  - Coordinates with the Washington Office to ensure training is available.
  - Provides training results to panel as needed.