

Jason Seyler is currently serving as vice-chairperson for the ASTSWMO Brownfields focus group and has been working collaboratively with other state Brownfields programs as a member since 2018. Jason's position as Brownfields Coordinator for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality has allowed him to champion Brownfields redevelopment in Montana since 2009. Jason enjoys finding creative solutions for non-profits, local communities, businesses, and developers to assess and cleanup underutilized properties throughout Montana. For over 15 years, Jason has successfully facilitated the cleanup and redevelopment of properties that typically would be considered too challenging for redevelopment such as former smelters, wood treaters, dry cleaners, rail yards, refineries, landfills, gas stations, meth-houses, and asbestos-filled historic structures.

Prior to joining Montana DEQ, Jason served two years as an environmental and community development volunteer for the U.S. Peace Corps in a remote village in Benin, West Africa. Jason also worked several years providing technical sales support for a chemical manufacture throughout North, Central, and South America.

Jason has a Bachelor of Science from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA and Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and Engineering from Colorado School of Mines in Boulder, CO.

## **Jason E. Seyler**

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### **Qualification Summary:**

Over twenty years of experience in managing multi-party projects, facilitating both technical and non-technical trainings of diverse populations, leading environmental assessment and cleanup projects, and establishing lasting work relationships both overseas and in the U.S.

### **Professional Experience:**

#### **Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 1/09 – present; Brownfields Coordinator**

Responsible for leading MT DEQ's Brownfields Program to become nationally recognized for its innovation and success in championing Brownfields redevelopment. Provides critical assistance (environmental, financial, planning, and community outreach) to large and small/rural disadvantaged communities by working closely with community leaders, local economic development authorities, and developers towards the transformation of blighted properties along Main Streets across Montana. Supports DEQ's Federal Superfund, Abandoned Mine Lands, Petroleum Tank Cleanup, and State Superfund programs in the assessment, cleanup, and transformation of underutilized properties to Brownfields successes.

#### **Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 9/06 – 1/09; State Superfund Remediation Project Manager**

Responsible for managing interdisciplinary projects focusing on the investigation and cleanup of State Superfund sites in Montana. The contaminants of concern at sites range from petroleum hydrocarbons, chlorinated solvents, wood treating chemicals, metals, and asbestos. Work with responsible parties, local governments, and consultants to remediate State Superfund, Voluntary Cleanup, and Brownfields facilities.

#### **U.S. Peace Corps • Benin • West Africa, 9/03 – 12/05; Environmental Education Facilitator**

Authored and implemented a USAID funded grant that trained sixty-six rural elementary and high school principals on the importance of environmental education and how it can be implemented into their schools' curriculum. Initiated reforestation and village cleanup campaigns with local government officials and village cooperatives. Supervised a youth-based AIDS team that performed 30 awareness campaigns reaching over 1000 villagers.

#### **U.S. Peace Corps • Benin • West Africa, 7/04 – 11/04; Trainer**

Collaborated with other trainers to develop the curriculum and design educational materials for 11-week environmental training program, based on experiential and participatory methods. Instructed 6 Peace Corps trainees in environmental skills and community mobilization strategies in preparation for their field assignments.

#### **BASF Corp, 10/98 – 6/01; International Technical Sales Service Associate**

Responsible for servicing the Super Absorbent Polymer Division's customers in North, Central, and South America by performing product analyses, technical presentations, market research, line audits, and trouble shooting. Established close customer relationships and assisted in new product development, test methods, and manufacturing processes. Worked with BASF's R&D, production, and sales departments from the development to the commercialization of new products.

**Education:**

**Colorado School of Mines** • Golden, Co. • M.S. Environmental Science & Engineering • July 2003 • GPA: 3.8 • Thesis: Effects of organic material characteristics on metal removal and sulfate reduction rates in passive treatment systems

**James Madison University** • Harrisonburg, Va. • B.S. Integrated Science and Technology • May 1998 • GPA: 3.6 • Minor: Spanish and Anthropology • Thesis: Implementation of new technology and improvements to the current waste treatment facility at Merck's pharmaceutical plant in Elkton, VA.

**Language Experience:**

Two years conversational French and Biali (local Benin language)

Three years conversational, technical, and written Spanish