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Envirocon's In-House Surveying Services Offer Clients Precision Tools for Quality Project Delivery

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Envirocon's in-house surveying team is made up of Subject Matter Experts, licensed Surveyors, and CAD specialists, with field support from trained and experienced Field Engineers and Coordinators. Together, our team uses multiple surveying tools to produce volumes, layouts, as-builts, and Quality Control documents on our projects. This offers our clients greater execution precision, minimizing rework and increasing the safety, efficiency, and quality of our project delivery services.

Much of Envirocon's surveying services center on the use of Real Time Kinematic (RTK) satellite navigation, a technique to identify a real-time, precision position at a roving GPS device. Based on RTK, we offer our clients field surveying services using tools like GPS-equipped heavy machinery for precise, accurate excavations; Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for topographic surveying and point mapping; and DredgePack systems to guide mechanical and hydraulic dredges. RTK GPS equipment delivers centimeter-level positional accuracy to produce results that are difficult to achieve with conventional, non-equipped machinery.

Our GPS equipment fleet relies on a carefully setup and calibrated RTK base station to send centimeter positional corrections. This correction is transmitted to the roving device installed on heavy equipment via radio where it is computed and applied. This information is then used by equipment operators for precision cuts based on surveying control points set up at the outset of the project to effectively achieve design lines and grades.



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Personnel Announcements

Envirocon Welcomes Mike Copeland

Envirocon is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Mike Copeland as the Senior Vice President of Business Development. In this capacity, Mr. Copeland will lead sales, growth strategy, and marketing and proposal development. He also serves as a member of Envirocon's senior leadership team. Mr. Copeland brings over 30 years of experience leading sales teams to grow sustainable earnings and backlog in the environmental sector.



“We are very pleased to welcome Mike to our team. Mike will lead the implementation of our growth strategy for our core remediation and facility decommissioning service lines with our industrial, energy, and Federal clients. He brings deep knowledge and credibility in our core markets and a proven track record of leading high performing sales teams.”
- Envirocon CEO & President Mark Fallon

Travis Parker Promoted to VP of Remediation

Envirocon is proud to announce the promotion of Travis Parker to the position of Vice President of Remediation Services. Mr. Parker has been with Envirocon for over a decade, and has more than 22 years' environmental construction experience. In his new role as Vice President, Mr. Parker provides operational leadership for all aspects of business from initial client and project identification through project estimates to project close-out, including profit and loss, and responsibility over project teams. He is responsible for key decisions and recommendations related to safety, business development, operations, and resource management. Please join us in congratulating Travis on this achievement.



With Final Design Approved, Envirocon Prepares to Remove Mill Pond Dam



Envirocon's Design-Build Team, in coordination with Seattle City Light (SCL), Pend Oreille County Public Utility District (PUD), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) recently submitted and had approved the Final Design for the Mill Pond Dam Removal and Habitat Restoration project. Since December 2015, Envirocon's team has been involved in an intensive project design that included constructability reviews, public open houses and meetings, and design submittals at various stages of the planning process.

As the Mill Pond Dam website (www.MillPondDam.com) states, the goals for the project are 1) Restore natural riverine ecosystem structure and functions to Sullivan Creek in the Mill Pond reach; and 2) Improve habitat availability, connectivity, and quality for native fish populations in the Sullivan Creek Watershed.

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Community Building & Bonding



Reaching out to our local communities is an integral part of who we are at Envirocon, and employees at Envirocon's corporate headquarters in Missoula, MT have been staying active in their community this summer. In late June, the Washington Companies assembled a crew of volunteers to assist the Habitat for Humanity of Missoula. Each year for the past five years, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation organizes a group of volunteers from all the Missoula-based Washington Companies to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Build Day, usually with two build days taking place each summer. The June Build Day was the first build day for 2017, and saw a turnout of 30 volunteers.

On this particular day, the crew assisted in finishing the basement structure and putting on the flooring for the main level. Together with employees from Envirocon's sister companies, the crew completed the main floor subflooring, installed the staircase frame, and prepped the home for the construction of its exterior walls.

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Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs



Fifty Montana high school seniors were recently awarded the Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship to pursue higher education in Montana. This scholarship program is possible through the generosity of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation in partnership with the Horatio Alger Association.

The scholarship recipients were selected from across the state of Montana and have demonstrated their integrity, perseverance, and initiative in overcoming adversity. Other criteria in the selection process included financial need, community and public service, and academic achievement. Each recipient will receive up to \$15,000 over the course of the student's college career. Since 2004, nearly 800 Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors attending college in Montana.

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Awards & Achievements

Gold Shovel Certification

Envirocon has recently achieved the Gold Shovel Standard (GSS) Certification. The Gold Shovel Standard is a nonprofit organization committed to improving workforce and public safety and the integrity of vital buried infrastructure. GSS believes that greater transparency in all aspects of damage prevention among buried-asset operators, locators, and contractors is essential to drive continuous improvement and important to ensure increasingly safe working conditions and communities. Envirocon is proud to be a part of this organization dedicated to enhancing the health and safety of surrounding communities, protecting community assets and utilities, and providing exceptional services for safe excavation.



Envirocon Project Engineer Receives EPA Challenge Coin



Recently, Envirocon's Project Engineer Mr. Jedd Smith received the EPA Region 5 Challenge Coin and Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work and

dedication to the ongoing Otsego Township Dam Area Time Critical Removal Action program.

Each On-Scene Coordinator in EPA's Region 5 Emergency Response Program carries with them a 'Challenge Coin.' During a particularly difficult emergency response or incident, where multiple agencies are involved, the coin may (though very rarely) be presented to a unit member, typically a partner agency incident commander, in recognition of special achievement or extraordinary effort to rise to a challenge set forth by the incident command.

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Upcoming Events

Fall Conferences

The year is quickly wrapping up, and Envirocon has some large conferences to finish out our tradeshow calendar. We will be exhibiting at the following shows:

October 23-25 - SAME 2017 Design and Construction Issues at Hazardous Waste Sites (DCHWS) - West, Denver, CO

November 15-17 - SAME Federal Small Business Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

December 3-9 - American Exploration & Mining Association's 123rd Annual Meeting, Exposition, Short Courses & Field Trips, Reno, NV

Each of these shows is a unique opportunity to engage with our team, and learn how we serve various markets. Find out how Envirocon can partner with you to complete your next environmental remediation or demolition project. And if you are looking to network and grow your career, meet with our team to discuss our open opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you at these great events!

[Full Tradeshow & Conference List](#)

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