

## **My Role as an EPA Scientist**

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### **Abstract**

I will first describe my role as a Research Ecologist with the EPA's Office of Research and Development, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Western Ecology Division, in Corvallis, Oregon, an example of a government agency conducting research in Environmental Sciences. I will briefly touch on my Job Description, and then focus on how the EPA conducts research on a day-to-day basis. I will describe how positions in the EPA are announced and evaluated in general, and how a scientist undergoes advancement (Technical Qualifications Board) within the agency. I will then reflect on how my career path developed and formative experiences which may have been most important in leading me to my current position. I will answer any questions the students have about my career and general EPA hiring processes from my viewpoint.