Exploring Water Resource Consulting

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Biography:

Chris Lidstone is the founder of the engineering, geology, and water resource consulting firm Lidstone and Associates, Inc. (LA), now a Wenck company. His 35 years of professional experience cover a wide range of specialized, yet interrelated fields of study which include: geology, geochemistry, fluvial geomorphology, surface and ground water hydrology and environmental regulation. He began his professional career in uranium exploration (1974) in the Beaverlodge Mining District of the Northwest Territories (Canada). He was funded by and worked for the Branch of Exploration Geochemistry (1979-1980 USGS) and later the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (1981-1984). By 1984 he began his consulting career, which has continued to date.

Abstract:

Water resources consulting provides a plethora of opportunities to today’s graduates. The field continues to expand and to maintain its importance to those who use and develop natural resources as well as those who manage the resources for multiple uses. Water continues to be a component of the natural resource environment and a consulting career provides exposure to all facets of water development, protection and cleanup. Students and graduates have opportunities that did not exist 30 years ago to look forward to, but with these opportunities there is also a level of scientific integrity required. In 30 years Mr. Lidstone has transitioned from geological exploration to water resource consulting. Within this latter framework he and his firm have completed numerous water supply and environmental studies and provided leadership in some of the most recent water resource trends. They are proud of their leading work in river restoration beginning in 1986 and continuing today. They have received both state and national awards for their river design and construction projects and are currently completing two miles of the Alamosa River in Conejos County, Colorado. As an owner of a consulting firm he looks for those who continue to express and demonstrate an excitement in the field as well as ability to show academic strengths in the basic sciences including: geology, chemistry, hydraulics, watershed sciences and engineering. Mr. Lidstone and his firm look for those who are willing to think outside of the box, have diverse skills and interests, work hard and care about the success of projects.