

# DWEE Petroleum Remediation Section (PRS) -- List of Consulting Firms for Tier 1/Tier 2 Investigations

Consultants on the list have attested that they are able to perform RBCA Tier 1/Tier 2 investigations.

This list is not an endorsement by DWEE of any particular company, nor is it necessarily inclusive of all available consultants.

**Tier 1 report totals listed are for responsible-party sites ONLY.** Reports submitted by consultants working under the SPARC program\* are not counted below.

State	Company	Contact name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website / email	Tier 1's submitted 2022-2025 <sup>‡</sup>
NE	Array Environmental, Inc.	Dustin Cruikshank	27304 State Street	Valley	68064	402-618-6624	array-env@msn.com	3
NE	Atlas Technical Consultants	Derek Dickinson	616 North Miles Avenue	North Platte	69101	308-221-5276	derek.dickinson@oneatlas.com	6
		Jeremiah Cousins	11117 Mockingbird Drive	Omaha	68137	402-697-9747	jeremiah.cousins@oneatlas.com	
NE	B2 Environmental, Inc.	Brock Flowers	4503 South 90th Street	Omaha	68127	402-330-0763	brock@b2e.com	5
			3325 West Capital Avenue	Grand Island	68803			
NE	Coranco Great Plains, Inc.	Matt Kralik	141 W. 10th Street, PO Box 23	Wahoo	68066	402-443-4340	corancogreatplains.com	5
		Troy Eurek	110 Cedar Street	Kearney	68845	308-440-1314	mkralik@corancogreatplains.com	
NE	GHD	Jennifer Jacobs	3807 South 148th Street	Omaha	68144	402-778-4801	www.ghd.com jennifer.jacobs@ghd.com	5
NE	UES Professional Solutions 25, LLC	Carrie Thomas	2960 North Diers Avenue	Grand Island	68803	308-381-1987	cthomas@teamues.com	27
		Kelsee Wheeler						
NE	MILCO Environmental Services, Inc.	Elysha Hartman	1111 Central Avenue	Kearney	68847	308-237-5923	info@milcoinc.com	9
		Chris Miller	109 East 2nd Street	McCook	69001	308-234-6456	cmiller@milcoinc.com	
NE	Olsson, Inc.	Dillon Dawson	2111 S. 67th Street, Suite 200	Omaha	68106	402-341-1116	ddawson@olsson.com	9
NE	Panhandle Geotechnical & Environmental, Inc.	Brian Hilbert	818 South Beltline Hwy E	Scottsbluff	69361	308-632-6735	bhilbert@panhandlegeotech.com	5
NE	RDG Geoscience & Engineering, Inc.	Jon Gross	10360 Sapp Bros Drive	Omaha	68138	402-894-2678	www.rdgge.com jgross@rdgge.com	32
NE	SCS Engineers	Charles Joyce	14755 Grover Street	Omaha	68144	402-938-0326	cjoyce@scsengineers.com	9
NE	Terracon	Mike Reif	15080 A Circle	Omaha	68144	402-330-2202	mike.reif@terracon.com	18
		Jesse Starostka						
NE	Thiele Geotech, Inc.	Robert Miller	13478 Chandler Road	Omaha	68138	402-556-2171	www.thielgeotech.com miller@thielgeotech.com	10
IA	Stantec Environmental Services, Inc.	Stephen Varsa	11311 Aurora Avenue	Des Moines	50322	515-710-7523	steve.varsa@stantec.com	-
		Frank Uhlarik				402-669-0546	frank.uhlarik@stantec.com	
MN	Antea Group	Kirby Smail	5910 Rice Creek Parkway, Suite 100	Shoreview	55126	515-771-6758	kirby.smail@anteagroup.us	3
MO	Burns & McDonnell	Kyle Perino	425 S Woods Mill Rd #300	Chesterfield	63017	816-276-1575	kperino@burnsmcd.com	2

\* The State-led Petroleum Assessment Remediation Contract (SPARC) program conducts investigations at sites with no viable responsible parties. Contact the DWEE PRS for more information.

<sup>‡</sup> Total Tier 1 reports submitted between 1/1/2022 and 6/30/2025.

## Guidelines for Selecting an Environmental Consultant

Investigating and cleaning up a petroleum release can be expensive. Selecting an unqualified or inexperienced environmental consultant to do the work may cost you even more. **Remember that you are responsible for making sure the investigation and cleanup is conducted properly and in a timely manner.**

The DWEE Petroleum Remediation Section (PRS) maintains a list of environmental companies for petroleum release investigations. Companies are included on the list at their own request, and **DWEE does not endorse them or attest to the quality of their work.** We suggest that you contact several companies and compare their responses in the following areas to determine which one best suits your needs:

### Experience and Training

Before you hire a consultant, determine if the prospective company has the technical competence to do the work you need. Consider narrowing your list of possible consultants to companies that answer 'yes' to most of these questions:

- Does the company have experience performing petroleum investigations and clean-ups in Nebraska?
- Can the company provide you with the education and training backgrounds of the staff?
- Does the company have experience in monitoring well design and installation? (Some firms may subcontract well drilling. If the consultant you're interested in contracts its drilling to another company, be sure to get references for the subcontractor as well.)
- Is the company familiar with DWEE's *Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) at Petroleum Release Sites* guidance document?
- Has the work performed by the company been reimbursed by Nebraska's Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund (the Title 200 program)? If any eligible sites were denied reimbursement, find out why.

### Costs

Any consultant you hire should provide you with an estimate of expected costs and an itemized fee schedule. If your site is eligible for reimbursement of investigation and cleanup costs by the Title 200 program, compare the company's fee schedule to the Title 200 Reasonable Rates Schedule and Reimbursement Guidance Manual. Costs for some activities which consultants often subcontract, such as well drilling or soil vapor surveys, can greatly vary between contractors. Identify how you will be billed for the company's management of any subcontractor (normally done by a percentage of subcontractor cost) and refer to the Title 200 Reasonable Rates Schedule to determine if the subcontractor markups are within the maximum reimbursable rates.

### Insurance

Determine if the consultant's and subcontractors' insurance coverage is adequate. To reduce your liability, do not contract with a company that does not have environmental liability insurance. If a company is self-insured, make sure it has adequate resources set aside to cover any problems that might occur.

### References

It is also important to obtain references for any consultants you may hire. During the research of companies, request complete lists of the company's clients in your county or region. Once you have received a list of the consultant's previous clients, contact some of them and consider asking the following questions:

- Was your project similar in size and nature to mine?
- Did the consultant meet the stated work and project compliance dates?
- Did the consultant keep you informed of project developments and aware of all available options?
- Did you trust the consultant?
- Did any problems arise during your work with the consultant, and were they satisfactorily resolved?
- Did the consultant work effectively with DWEE and local officials?
- Were you satisfied with the work performed by the consultant?
- Were the final costs in-line with the original estimate?

You may also want to contact any professional organizations you belong to or other businesses in your industry for references. In addition, the DWEE PRS can provide you with a list of petroleum release sites in your area. You may wish to call some of the parties responsible for those clean-ups for references as well.

### Conclusion

Remember that if you are unsatisfied with a consultant's performance in handling the investigation, do not feel obligated to keep that company for the remainder of the site cleanup. Finally, as with any business situation, doing some upfront work when hiring a consultant goes a long way:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is,
- "Inexpensive" does not always mean "best", and
- A consultant who tries a hard-sell approach on you or attempts to minimize technical or legal requirements for an adequate investigation or cleanup is probably not the consultant you should be hiring.