

The Service Environmental Contaminants Program and How It Can Serve You

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Habitat degradation and toxic injury to trust resources knows no political boundaries. All Service programs; Fisheries, Hatcheries, Endangered Species, Refuges, Law Enforcement, and Habitat Conservation all encounter chemical contaminant problems from time to time. Corps projects, dredge/fill permit proposals, fish survival, Service lands, T/E recovery plans, all have components and considerations involving toxic or potentially toxic chemicals. The EC Specialist has all Service programs as “clients.” The Environmental Contaminants program’s mission is to serve other Service programs, and the address complex chemical contaminant issues. This presentation is designed to inform listeners about how the EC program can provide technical assistance for a variety of Service projects, when contamination is involved, and to identify technical restoration opportunities where chemically-degraded habitat is involved.