

SENIOR CHEMIST / SCIENTIST

Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc. (SME) has a new full-time position for a **Senior Chemist** or **Senior Scientist** based at our office in greater Chicago. The position can be arranged as remote, in-office, or a hybrid of remote and in-office.

Founded in 1985, SME is an accomplished team of 90+ experienced and talented professionals providing civil and environmental engineering and product stewardship consulting services to commercial, industrial, and municipal clients throughout the U.S. and internationally. SME combines strong technical expertise with innovative technologies to provide cutting edge solutions for our clients.

Position Summary

This role will independently lead product stewardship client project delivery, with the assistance from chemists, scientists, or chemical engineers, in the areas of consumer product chemical safety and food contact global regulatory compliance. Provide technical training to chemists, scientists or chemical engineers. This position reports to a principal of the company.

Essential Responsibilities

- Take full responsibility in managing client accounts, project delivery, and communication, and maintaining client relationships.
- Design food contact compliance related testing protocols, work with testing labs for quoting, coordinating testing, and problem-solving during the testing process.
- Conduct chemical risk assessments and Prop 65 exposure assessments and write reports.
- Lead food contact regulatory submissions to the US and international government agencies.
- Monitor global, U.S. federal, and state regulatory developments in the areas of clients' interests; provide regulatory updates to clients; guide clients in navigating regulatory landscapes; and provide implementable regulatory compliance strategies.
- Conduct literature research on specific scientific or regulatory subjects of clients' interests and write white papers.
- Work with clients' supply chains to obtain required regulatory and client-specific documentation for review.

Required Skills and Qualifications

- B.S. or higher degree in chemistry or other relevant science or engineering areas
- Minimum 8 years working experience in food contact regulatory compliance or the food contact related manufacturing industry
- In-depth knowledge in chemicals and materials; good knowledge in analytical chemistry and packaging sustainability (including recycled or compostable materials)
- Familiarity with Good Manufacturing Practice
- Working knowledge in toxicology is a plus
- Literature research capability and attention to details

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- Demonstrated organizational skills and project management skills to keep tasks on schedule and on budget
- Enjoy problem solving and teamwork
- Experience with Microsoft Office, technical report writing, data interpretation, and reporting.

Because the Chemist works closely with SME's multidisciplinary staff and frequently interacts directly with clients, regulatory agencies, and the public, your strong interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal) are important. At SME, we take pride in building and maintaining positive long-term relationships with all stakeholders.

Working at SME

At the heart of SME is our culture which is friendly and down to earth. SME is large enough to offer a full range of services but small enough that everyone on our team makes a difference. There is room to choose your own path and pursue your passions, and each person is recognized for their contribution to our collective success. We support and encourage professional development and active participation with professional associations. Joining SME means becoming part of a group of dedicated professionals who enjoy doing meaningful work together.

Compensation and Benefits

SME offers an excellent compensation and benefits package that includes:

- 100% company paid Medical, Life, and Long-Term and Short-Term Disability insurance
- Annual HSA contributions for enrolled employees
- Paid vacation and sick time with 9 paid holidays per year
- 401k plan with generous matching contribution; profit sharing; and a non-discretionary 3% of gross pay contribution, and
- Performance-based year-end bonuses.

Let's Connect!

If this position sounds like a good fit for you, **please submit your resume and cover letter to: smeresumes@sme-engineers.com**

No telephone calls, please.

For more information about SME, visit sme-engineers.com/product-stewardship.

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