

## Meet Jake Deal, the NIH Environmental Decommissioning Project Officer



The NIH Environmental Decommissioning Program is led by Jacob (Jake) Deal, a member of the Environmental Compliance Branch within the Division of Environmental Protection. As the project officer, he monitors decommissioning projects and leads the NIH Remediation Team.

Jake has worked at the NIH for many years, first joining in 2006 as an intern in the Office of Research Services (ORS), Workforce Management and Planning Branch. He later spent the summer of 2007 collecting campus radiological dosimetry data with the ORS Division of Radiation Safety. Jake then joined the Office of Research Facilities (ORF) Division of Environmental Protection in 2008 as an intern assisting with the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program.

After earning a Master of Science degree in Environmental Assessment in 2012, he joined the NIH in DEP as a full-time employee and became heavily involved with GIS data collection and analysis. Jake has also managed a full campus environmental noise study and created a “Green Features” publication. He transitioned to his current position as the Decommissioning Project Officer in 2014. Jake holds a Level III Certification as a Contracting Officer’s Representative, as well as a Level III Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers.

Jake has played a major role in ensuring environmental compliance at the NIH through the Environmental Decommissioning program. As the Decommissioning Project Officer, Jake works closely with the Remediation Team, which consists of Chan-Nhu Nguyen, Mark Radtke, Moses Ukaoma, Craig Upson and Vanessa Hill. With their help, Jake has led over 100 small lab/office decommissioning projects. We look forward to the continued excellent work Jake will achieve through the NIH Environmental Decommissioning Program!