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The Value of the Environmental Professional Intern Certification

- The EPI Credential is the only ASTM-1929 compliant professional certification for individuals with less than 5 years experience.
- The goal of IPEP is to improve the practical and educational standards for environmental professionals.
- The EPI Credential quickly signifies to potential employers, existing employers, and others who are looking for qualified recent graduates, that an individual EPI has demonstrated a comprehensive ability to apply their technical education.
- IPEP sponsors an EPI mentorship program through which interested EPIs are matched with a Qualified Environmental Professionals (“QEPs”) in a related field, geographic area and/or interest.
- EPIs have opportunities to network with credentialed QEPs. QEPs are proven environmental professionals that have been working in their environmental fields for a number of years. The opportunity for interaction provides EPIs with first hand information about the challenges, rewards and pitfalls of a long term career as an environmental professional. The networking opportunities can help EPIs enhance their career paths.
- The EPI credential is ideal for young environmental professionals that are looking for further recognition of their environmental skills.
- After five years working in their field, EPIs can take the written QEP exam in their specialty field to earn their QEP credential. With this credential in hand, they will continue to gain increased recognition as an experienced, ethical and credentialed environmental professional.