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Longtime Environmental Professional Misael Cabrera Selected to Become New Deputy Director at ADEQ

PHOENIX (Nov. 22, 2011) – Longtime environmental professional Misael Cabrera has been selected deputy director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, ADEQ Director Henry Darwin announced Tuesday.

The 41-year-old Cabrera, a registered professional engineer, has almost two decades of experience including business leadership, regulatory negotiations, contract management, site characterization and remediation, permitting, design, and construction management.

“This has been a long, difficult search to find someone who has the right technical background and experience to bring a fresh set of eyes on our permitting and remedial action approval processes,” Darwin said. “I feel fortunate to have found these characteristics in Misael.”

Cabrera has worked most recently as a senior client leader and senior engineer for Haley & Aldrich’s Industrial Environmental practice based in Phoenix.

Prior to that, Cabrera was environmental unit manager for AMEC in Tempe, where he supervised a team working on industrial and regulatory compliance, air quality, documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act, and asbestos and lead assessment. Cabrera’s team also worked on site characterization and remediation under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act program and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, EPA’s superfund program.

Cabrera also worked for CH2M HILL in Tempe, where he was business group leader for the environmental business line in Arizona and served as a project delivery leader for a major federal program in the Southwest and Southeast. Cabrera also worked at CH2M HILL’s office in Milano, Italy, for six months. In addition to English, he also is fluent in Spanish and conversant in Italian.

Cabrera, who has lived in Arizona since 1984, received his B. S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Arizona. He also has taken upper division courses on water treatment and remediation at Arizona State University.

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