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STONE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPANDS MODELING AND GIS CAPABILITIES



MONTPELIER, VERMONT—Stone Environmental, Inc. is pleased to announce that Solomon Folle, Ph.D., an international expert in water quality modeling, has joined their staff as Senior Environmental Modeler/Hydrologist.

Dr. Folle's experience in watershed characterization, hydrologic modeling, and water resources monitoring and evaluation will enhance Stone's spatial analysis and GIS capabilities. He joins a team of highly experienced scientists who specialize in providing GIS, custom databases, statistical software, and environmental modeling tools to clients.

Before joining Stone, Dr. Folle was responsible for development of the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) model at the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate, University of Minnesota, St. Paul. As a post-doctoral research associate there, he modeled best management practices for pesticides, sediment, and nutrients; modeled water quality and environmental impacts of biofuel crops alternatives; assessed the leaching risk of selected pesticides to groundwater for the State of Minnesota using the WIN-PST model; and integrated hydrological models into GIS. Prior to that, he worked in Ethiopia for AGRI-Service Ethiopia, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development.

Dr. Folle received his Ph.D. in Soil Science with a minor in Water Resources Science from the University of Minnesota. His dissertation work focused on using SWAT to model pesticides, sediment, and nutrients in the Le Sueur river watershed of south-central Minnesota.

Dr. Folle brings valuable real-world experience to his modeling through his work achieving his M.Sc. in Soil and Water Conservation from the University of Alemaya, Ethiopia, and a B.Sc. in Agricultural Engineering, also from the University of Alemaya.

Stone Environmental, Inc. is a 43-person consulting firm located in Montpelier, Vermont. The company has 38 scientists who specialize in four service areas: applied information management, water resources and wastewater management, contaminated sites investigation, and agrochemical fate and exposure assessment. Staff members study the effects of land use on water resources, through the use of computer modeling, GIS spatial analysis, and field investigation. Stone was founded in 1992.

For Solomon Folle's full résumé, click [here](#).