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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Environmental Engineer

National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), New Zealand Water Engineer

Williamson Water and Land Advisory, New Zealand

Chemical Engineer

Bidestan Alcohol and Foodstuff Co, Iran

Mar 2023 - Present

Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

2016 - 2019

KEY COMPETENCIES

Environmental Systems Modeling

- Integrated watershed modeling and simulation
- Advanced hydraulic and hydrologic analysis
- Predictive environmental quality assessment
- Digital twin development for water systems

Water Treatment Technology

- ♦ Treatment system design and optimization
- ♦ Innovative contaminant removal strategies
- Water quality management frameworks
- Decentralized treatment solutions

Geospatial Analysis

- Environmental spatial modeling
- Multi-dimensional data visualization
- ♦ Land-water interaction analysis
- ♦ Terrain and hydrologic feature characterization

Sustainable Engineering

- Nature-based solution development
- Green infrastructure implementation
- ♦ Ecological engineering approaches
- Resilient system design for climate adaptation

Process Engineering

- Bioprocess engineering and optimization
- ♦ Resource recovery system development
- Industrial ecology implementation
- ♦ Circular economy approaches

Technical Expertise

- Data science for environmental applications
- Research methodology and experimental design
- Environmental regulatory framework navigation
- Indigenous environmental management principles

EDUCATION

PhD in Environmental Engineering	2019-2022
University of Waikato, New Zealand	
Thesis: "Enhanced Nitrate Removal via Carbon Dosing in Woodchip	
Bioreactors"	
MSc in Chemical Engineering	2015-2017
Sahand University of Technology, Iran	
BSc in Chemical Engineering	2011-2015
University of Zanjan, Iran	

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Selected Journal Articles

- ♦ Moghaddam, R., et al. (2023). "Flow analysis and hydraulic performance of denitrifying bioreactors under different carbon dosing treatments." Journal of Environmental Management, 328, 116926.
- ♦ Moghaddam, R., et al. (2023). "Constant carbon dosing of a pilot-scale denitrifying bioreactor to improve nitrate removal from agricultural tile drainage." Ecological Engineering, 187, 106851.
- ♦ Moghaddam, R., et al. (2022). "Enhanced nitrate removal and side effects of methanol dosing in denitrifying bioreactors." Ecological Engineering, 185, 106818.

Technical Reports

- ♦ Matheson, F., Semadeni-Davies, A., **Moghaddam, R.**, et al. (2024). "Application of a riparian planning tool to the Pokaiwhenua catchment: Prediction of water quality and ecological outcomes." Prepared for DairyNZ.
- Hughes, A., Moghaddam, R. (2024). "Kaiate Stream: assessment of changes in faecal contaminants and turbidity after implementation of mitigation measures." NIWA Client Report, 2024008HN.

TECHNICAL TOOLS

Modeling Software

- SWMM/pySWMM (Stormwater Management)
- EPANET (Water Distribution Networks)
- ♦ HEC-RAS (River Analysis)
- MODFLOW (Groundwater Modeling)

Data Analysis & Programming

- Python (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, SciPy)
- ♦ R (Statistical Computing)
- QGIS & ArcGIS (Spatial Analysis)
- ♦ Matlab

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Affiliations

- ⋄ Member, Engineering New Zealand
- Pursuing Chartered Professional Engineer > Persian (Native proficiency) (CPEng) status
- Active in international water quality forums

Languages

- English (Professional proficiency)