

# Harry M Ohlendorf

## Present Position

**Technology Fellow, Ecological Risk Management  
CH2M HILL, Inc., Sacramento, California**

Dr. Ohlendorf has been employed at CH2M HILL since 1990 and is a Certified Wildlife Biologist. He manages or provides technical oversight for a wide variety of environmental projects, including the planning, implementation, and reporting of site ecological characterizations and surveys, contaminant exposure and effect analyses, risk characterization, and project impact evaluations. He provides firm-wide technical guidance in the area of ecological risk assessment and risk management. Recent projects include the application of wildlife toxicology knowledge to projects for government (e.g., California Department of Water Resources; USFWS; USEPA; USDOE; U.S. Army, Air Force, and Navy) and private-sector (e.g., oil refinery, coal and metal mining, chemical manufacturing) clients in a wide variety of environmental settings.

Dr. Ohlendorf began his career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland, where he served for 7 years as assistant director of the Research Center and was actively involved in pollution ecology research. Subsequently, he was leader of the Center's Pacific Coast Research Station in Davis, California, and studied the pollution ecology of wildlife. For 18 years, Dr. Ohlendorf's research for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service focused on the occurrence and impacts of contaminants in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Dr. Ohlendorf has been recognized as one of the "Pioneers of Selenium Research" in a book, *Environmental Chemistry of Selenium* (edited by W.T. Frankenberger, Jr., and R.A. Engberg; Marcel Dekker, Inc., 1998), and ecotoxicology of selenium is one of his specialties. His current interests also focus particularly on the importance of doing well-planned, relevant studies of the effects of environmental contaminants in fish and wildlife, and application of the results of those studies to environmental decision-making. Dr. Ohlendorf has been a member of The Wildlife Society's Wildlife Toxicology Working Group since it was formed, and currently is serving as Past-Chair.

## Education

Ph.D. Wildlife Science - Texas A&M University, 1971

M.S. Wildlife Science - Texas A&M University, 1969

B.S. Wildlife Management (Fisheries Option) - Texas A&M University, 1962