



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Q. How did you learn about ATL to become employed here? (Recruiting event, ad, friend, etc.)

A. Right out of school, I went to work for a competitor doing material inspection. When ATL moved into Watertown, I saw a sign go up outside of the building. Knowing what type of work that ATL did, I wanted to get back into the industry. I met with Jim Trathen, who used to be the Operations Manager in Watertown, and Chris Roderick for the interview. Chris and I went to Watertown High School together, but he was one year younger than me. I had seen him a few times out in the field or driving an ATL vehicle. In 2005, they hired me.

Q. What technical skills did you acquire that helped make you an expert in your position?

A. I started out as a field tech doing CMET. After my 3rd year, I received environmental training and was offered the opportunity to move into environmental.

Q. What resources did you use to expand your knowledge in your position?

A. I used my strong mind, strong back, and experience working with my co-workers. The environmental training I went to receive my first licenses were 5 days, then 3 days of internal and external training. Dan Faulkham switched to environmental from CMET a year ahead of me, and then went into a managerial role. He provided me with a lot of internal training. I took advantage of the training that was offered.

Q. What projects that you worked on are the most memorable?

A. I would say the most memorable jobs are Fort Drum and Maple Ridge Windfarms (Tug Hill area).

Q. What do you like the most about the path your ATL career has taken?

A. I like the fact that I get to work in different sites all of the time, and I get to see the puzzle unraveling as the project moves along. My job is never monotonous, and always in a different environment. I have also witnessed a lot of growth since 2005, and the increased technology we have used over the years.

Q. What area of knowledge or experience are you looking to expand?

A. I would like to get involved in environmental design work, and eventually more into management.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add?

A. I want to say that I couldn't ask for a better place to work. Jim Trathen guided me when I came to ATL, and helped me make a career here...I bleed burgundy!

