

PRESS RELEASE:

EcoAnalysts expands into Florida with Acquisition of Aquatic Toxicity Laboratory, HRES

EcoAnalysts, Inc. (EA, Moscow, ID), a leading provider of ecological field sampling, laboratory, and consulting services nationwide, announces the recent acquisition of Hydrosphere Research Environmental Services, Inc. (HRES, Alachua, FL), a leading regional provider of aquatic ecotoxicity testing services.

EA co-founder and CEO Gary Lester commented, "We are very excited to join forces with HRES, as we now firmly plant the EcoAnalysts flag in the Southeast and can increase our broader ecological service offerings to HRES clients regionally. Combining forces with our aquatic ecotoxicity team in Port Gamble, WA we now have an impressive team of nearly 20 ecotoxicity specialists and can apply these services to NPDES permits, product toxicity testing, and soil/sediment toxicity testing across the country. Our company cultures are a great match, as both teams are science-focused and emphasize providing our clients with unbiased data and analysis to support environmentally responsible solutions."

Mr. Craig Watts, CEO of HRES said of the transaction, "Hydrosphere needed help getting to the next level and EcoAnalysts has the experience and tools to help us do that. Just as important, EcoAnalysts' culture is a great fit with Hydrosphere's. We look forward to working with them to grow and find ways to better serve our clients."

Background on EA: Founded in 1995, EcoAnalysts has grown our company to over 70 employees with offices and laboratory operations in Idaho, Washington, Missouri, and now Florida. Our core services are ecological field sampling, laboratory, and consulting services, with emphasis on ecological assessments in freshwater, estuarine, marine, and terrestrial environments. EcoAnalysts has completed projects in every US state and Canadian province, and several countries internationally. Our strategic objectives and growth goals are centered around expanding our capabilities, services, and regional operations to better serve our customers.

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