



The Blacksmith Institute Investigator is responsible for conducting Site Assessments of polluted sites, and reporting their results into the on-line database.

Global Inventory Project

The Global Inventory Project (GIP) is a joint effort by the Blacksmith Institute, UNIDO and the European Commission on Environment to develop a comprehensive database of polluted places across the planet. Based on the existing Blacksmith database of 500 polluted sites and Initial Site Assessment protocol, this project seeks to fortify already catalogued sites and discover other communities impacted by industrial and mining pollutants.

Focused specifically in developing countries and those with economies in transition, the GIP is concerned primarily with identifying sites where pollution may be impacting human health, and conducting a screening health risk assessment that can be used as a starting point for the design of future interventions. Other information related to the site and its stakeholders is also collected and compiled in an on-line database.

Main Purpose of the Position

Generate an inventory of reports detailing pollution problems in each country through field visits, as per the Global Inventory Initial Site Assessment protocol.

Key areas of responsibility

1. Represent Blacksmith Institute and the Global Inventory Project appropriately.
2. Set up meetings at potential polluted sites with appropriate authorities in a professional and non-confrontational manner.
3. Coordinate with the regional Blacksmith Coordinator with respect to locations to be visited, timeframes for visits, and other issues as required.
4. Attend training sessions to learn the Initial Site Assessment protocols.
2. Visit and conduct Initial Site Assessments at polluted sites throughout the country, as per the protocols and systems developed by Blacksmith Institute. Input data same day as collected into the Blacksmith on-line database.
3. Keep track of all expenditures as per the designated format by head office

4. Prepare monthly reports on GIP activities within the assigned region for submission to the regional coordinator and headquarters.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- . Local knowledge of pollution issues within the country.
- . Good network of contacts related to toxins within the country.
- . Ability to conduct ISA's quickly and efficiently. It is expected that one site can be reviewed in less than a day, including input to the on-line system. Often, several sites can be reviewed in the same day.