



Environmental experts with a flair for customer care

Absolute Resource Associates (ARA)

believes in business success that comes the old-fashioned way: by working hard, behaving ethically, and providing the very best in quality and service.

The expertise of the ARA team and its reputation within the industry have set ARA apart as one of the top environmental firms in New England.

Growth, Stability, Longevity



Purchased in 2000 by environmental scientists Susan & Guy Sylvester, ARA has quadrupled in revenue & staffing, providing certified environmental services throughout New England and beyond.

Your Environmental Partner

With an on-site certified NELAP and DoD accredited environmental laboratory, and a highly trained professional staff, ARA can sample, test for, and manage the removal of environmental contaminants in water, soil, and indoor air (*lead, mold, asbestos, PCBs, PFAS, pesticides, bacteria, metals, VOCs, SVOCs, etc.*).

Services include soil analysis, water analysis indoor air quality services and industrial hygiene services, as well as analytical support for large engineering and construction projects.

Quality Work, Quality Data

A robust information management system, meticulous quality department, and strict adherence to industry standards allow ARA to provide the highest quality data and services on time, within budget.

For everyone at ARA, commitment to the slogan, “serving our customers and the environment” is truly the key to success.



Federal Contractor for DoD

ARA's DoD ELAP accreditation has attracted customers from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the US Army at West Point, the US Coast Guard, Hanscom AFB, USDA and Army Corps of Engineers.

From geotechnical investigations and hazardous materials inspections, to lead dust removal, asbestos and mold investigations, HVAC, office renovations, etc., ARA's Project Management team manages Federal Projects of all sizes.

An Award Winning Team

- Environmental Business Journal Award for Business Achievement, **2017 & 2020**
- NHBR Business Excellence Award
- NHBR Outstanding Women in Business Award
- “Top Women Led Business” in NH since 2012

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DoD ELAP, ISO/IEC 17025, NELAC, ACAC Certified
SBA WOSB, WBENC WBE, DOT DBE



Certifications

Business Certifications

- ✦ SBA (US Small Business Administration) Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB)
- ✦ SBA Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business (EDWOSB)
- ✦ SBA 8(a) Business Development Program Graduate (11/08 - 11/17)
- ✦ Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) WBE
- ✦ Department of Transportation (US DOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): NH, MA ME, RI, VT
- ✦ Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) Women's Business Enterprise, WBE and WOSB Certified



Laboratory Certifications

- ✦ Department of Defense Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD/ELAP)
- ✦ International Organization for Standardization- ISO/IEC 17025
- ✦ MA Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Certification Program M-NH902
- ✦ ME Laboratory Accreditation Program NH00902
- ✦ NH Environmental Lab Accreditation Program (NH ELAP): NELAC/NELAP/TNI, Cert #1732
- ✦ RI Department of Health Certification 173213
- ✦ VT Department of Health Certificate # VT173204
- ✦ Army Corps of Engineers New England, Laboratory Quality Assurance Plan Approved (RIM)

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Certifications & Licenses

- ✦ ACAC (American Council for Accredited Certification) Board Certified: Certified Microbial Consultant (**CMC**), Certified Indoor Environmental Consultant (**CIEC**), Certified Environmental Thermography Consultant (**CETC**), Certified Indoor Environmentalist (**CIE**), Certified Microbial Investigator (**CMi**), Certified IAQ Manager (**CIAQM**), Council-certified Environmental Allergen Consultant (**CEAC**)
- ✦ X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Licensed
- ✦ Asbestos Licenses: Asbestos Inspector, Asbestos Consultant, Asbestos Project Monitor
- ✦ Field Asbestos in Air PCM NIOSH 7400 A Rules
- ✦ Certified Lead Inspector: New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont

Project Management Certifications & Training

- ✦ OSHA 30 & 40 Hour Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)
- ✦ HAZWOPER Supervisor
- ✦ OSHA Fall Protection Certified
- ✦ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certified
- ✦ Aerial and Scissor Lift Operator Certified
- ✦ Antiterrorism Awareness Training
- ✦ Hazardous Waste (HazWaste) Management
- ✦ Shipping HazWaste by Ground, Ops Level (DOT)
- ✦ Storing HazWaste, Large Quantity Generator (RCRA)
- ✦ 40-hr EM-385.1.1
- ✦ USACE Construction Quality Management for Contractors
- ✦ Microsoft Office Projects & FUDSchem Database Proficient

Capabilities

Absolute Resource Associates (ARA) is a full service environmental firm, providing a full range of indoor air quality services, certified environmental laboratory services, and environmental project management. The coordination of field activities with our laboratory capabilities allows ARA to manage project schedules and budgets in an efficient and cost effective manner. Utilizing industry recognized standards, methods and guidelines, ARA is capable of providing quality and timely services for environmental projects related to water, soil and indoor air contamination.

Laboratory Capabilities

ARA's certified on-site laboratory utilizes industry recognized standards, methods, and guidelines for Waste Characterization, PFAS, VOCs, SVOCs, Metals, TOC, PCBs, Pesticides, Bacteria/Microbiology, Wet Chemistry, Low Level SIM/1,4 Dioxane, Asbestos, Mold, Lead, Allergens and more.

Indoor Air Capabilities

Consultations, Mold Inspections, Indoor Air Quality Investigations, Air & Surface Sample Collection & Analysis, Water Damage & Water Intrusion Identification, Remediation Planning, Follow Up & Clearance Testing, Building Envelope/Siding Failure Inspections, Moisture Surveys, Lead XRF Surveys, Asbestos Investigations, Legionella Investigations, Vapor Intrusion Services, Hazardous Materials Investigations, Air Monitoring, HVAC & Insulation Checks, Infrared Imaging, Field GC/MS Investigations, Services to the Healthcare Industry, Facility Evaluations for Health & Safety.

Matrices Investigated

Drinking Water, Waste Water, Storm Water, Soils, Sediments, Sludge, Cement, Construction Debris, Hazardous Waste, Tissue, Filters, Wipes, Building Materials, Paint, Air, Bulk Material, Dust, Particles, and more.



Codes

NAICS Codes

541380-Testing Laboratories
541620-Environmental Consulting Services
541690-Other Scientific & Technical Consulting
561210-Facilities Support
541710-R&D Physical, Engineering, Life Sciences
562112-Hazardous Waste Collection
541350-Building Inspection Services
562998-Other Waste Management Services
236220-Commercial & Institutional Bldg Construction

Cage Code

3VNB6

DUNS Number

868348293

Unique Entity ID (UEID)

JMDHVEZJ9RT9

Product Service Codes

B502- Study/Air, Quality
B504-Study/Chemical-Bio
B510-Study/Environmental
B532-Study/Soils
B533-Study/Water, Quality
H999-Misc Test & Inspect
Q999-Other Medical Services
R799-Other Management

SIC Codes

8734- Testing Laboratories
8748- Business Consulting, NEC
R799- Other Management
8999- Miscellaneous Services
9511- Air & Water Resource & Solid Waste

Project Experience

Mold Remediation and Office Renovation

Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) awarded ARA a project under their IDIQ to remediate mold growth as a result of a steam pipe break in an office area. ARA provided site supervision, and site safety/quality control supervision. ARA managed all parties involved in the project, including remediation subcontractor, third party industrial hygiene firm, carpentry subcontractor and an electrical subcontractor. The work involved remediating microbial growth, scraping of loose lead paint chips, demolition, and the installation of new wall board, doors with security badge access, carpet, cove base, ceiling tiles and level 5 finish of all surfaces.

PFAS Analysis

ARA has a three year \$2M contract with the State of NH, providing Laboratory Analytical Services to identify and quantify Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in environmental samples for NH State Agencies, water suppliers and other eligible participants throughout the state.

Analytical Testing for the Army and the Navy

ARA performed monthly drinking water sampling and analysis for 5 sites for the US Navy, to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and safe drinking water for the facilities. ARA's DoD ELAP accredited laboratory also performs analysis for the Army ERDC Vicksburg, MS location. Samples are sent from locations across the US to ARA for nutrient, solids and chlorophyll testing. The laboratory also is under contract with the Army Corps of Engineers for long term monitoring and reporting for two Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) in Maine. Work includes SEDD and FUDSchem reporting, data validation and groundwater reports for the sites. The preparation and approval of sampling and safety plans is also included in this work.

Asbestos, Lead and Mold at Army Facility

ARA provided all personnel and management necessary to test bulk samples and collect and/or test air samples for asbestos, lead-based paint and mold at various locations at a United States Military facility in NY.

Asbestos Abatement and Pipe Re-insulation

Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) awarded ARA a project under their IDIQ to abate and reinsulate over 4,000 linear feet of piping in a power plant. The work involved the management of over 15 asbestos workers, painting subcontractor and an insulating subcontractor. The work involved 4 stages of containment set up and removal and clearance as the power plant needed to keep at least three of the four engines in operation during the work process. ARA provided site supervision, and site safety/quality supervision for the 8 week project in northern Maine.

Analytical Testing and Quick Turn Around Time for Construction Site

ARA worked with a Consulting Firm for several months as they raced to complete site work for a new large retail department store. ARA obtained approval from EPA Region 1 for using an alternative (and much more efficient) extraction procedure for TSCA PCB samples. Making the effort to get EPA approval allowed ARA to save the customer considerable money by reducing costs and TAT on this project. ARA's proactive approach ensured deadlines were met and the store opening could happen on time and under budget.

Hazardous Material Assessments

ARA has performed several hazardous material assessments and reporting as subcontractor for AE contracts and as Prime for USCG. Typical hazardous material assessments include evaluation of building materials for asbestos, PCBs, and lead. ARA's licensure for portable XRF analyzer allows us to promptly determine the presence of lead.