The Northeast-Midwest Institute (NEMWI) seeks a Director of its new Safe Drinking Water Research and Policy Program, an initiative launched a year ago that builds on NEMWI’s long-standing Toward Sustainable Water Information Program. The position is the principal scientist and director of NEMWI’s research on safe drinking water, including lead in drinking water, as well as on broader water quality and water monitoring research and policy analysis.

Program Overview: The Safe Drinking Water Research and Policy Program is a scientific research and policy analysis program that is developing into a regional information resource. Consistent with NEMWI’s mission as nonpartisan and evidence-based, the program has the standing to share its work with policy-makers across party lines. The program has three parts:

- To conduct scientific studies and policy analysis to provide data to inform the EPA’s Lead and Cooper Rule revision process and policy-making relating to other toxins in drinking water.
- To continue long-standing scientific research and policy analysis relating to water quality.
- To provide policy education and outreach to ensure that relevant scientific information and policy analysis relating to drinking water and water quality are available to policy-makers.

Position Responsibilities: The position encompasses several roles critical to NEMWI’s safe drinking water and water quality programs:

- To serve as the lead scientist conducting and supervising research related to safe drinking water and water quality in general, including studies focused on lead and other toxins in drinking water and including a USGS-funded State of the Region report on water monitoring region-wide that is now in progress.
- To direct attention to exploring remedies and providing policy analysis relating to safe drinking water and lead in drinking water and well as water quality in general.
- To provide expertise as a critical component of policy education and outreach utilizing the program’s research and policy analysis to support the policy-making process.
- To support the effort to expand the safe drinking water and water quality programs, including seeking new financial support to resource the growing program.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a baccalaureate and advanced degree(s) in environmental science and/or environmental engineering with an emphasis on water quality; three or more years of experience as a scientist conducting water quality research; excellent writing and communications skills; and a deep commitment to advancing research and policy in support of water quality.

To Apply: Send a letter of interest, a resume, and a listing of three to five professional reference (which will not be contacted without permission), to Dr. Michael J. Goff, President and CEO, Northeast-Midwest Institute, 50 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 or to mgoff@nemw.org.