

Mykel Mendes is an Environmental Engineer for BETA Group Inc. based in both Lincoln, Rhode Island and Worcester, Massachusetts with ten years of experience in the environmental field. She earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Connecticut. Her master's thesis focused on heavy metal cycling as a result of combined sewer overflows through an urbanizing watershed. Upon receiving her graduate degree, she began her professional career starting in the environmental consulting industry working in the federal sector and has expanded her project base to include both the private and municipal sectors throughout New England.

Mykel joined BETA Environmental Science group in 2018. Mykel acts as a lead project engineer on multiple projects. Her diverse project experience includes environmental assessment and remediation of brownfields and contaminated disposal sites, management and coordination of construction and remedial response actions on a contaminated disposal site, proficiency on regulatory compliance under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), SWPPP, SPCC, and MS4 permitting preparation and implementation, quality control management of construction during jetty repairs, design and operation of groundwater pump and treatment systems, and has become a go-to engineer at BETA for her expertise of PFAS contaminated disposal sites. Mykel also provides environmental remediation and assessment support on projects within other departments at BETA .

Mykel is active with many professional organizations including the EBC, the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and the LSPA. Mykel has served as the SAME Young Member Committee Chair, Post Communications Administrator and is most recently acting as the Spring Meeting Committee Chair. Mykel was recently awarded the 2020 SAME Boston Post S. Peter Volpe Award. Mykel is an enthusiastic volunteer and remains active with her alma mater, UCONN, to share her experience in the industry through presentations and career panels. She has shared her PFAS experience and research before the UCONN School of Engineering Graduate program as well as assisted with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers UCONN Chapter. Mykel is also always ready to lend a hand in Harry Potter trivia.