



To whom it may concern

It gives me a great pleasure to introduce Mr. N. Madhavan through this letter. I know Mr. Madhavan for the past seven years as researcher in the field of environmental hydrogeochemistry of surface and groundwater. He has done his Post Graduation (M.Sc.) in Applied Geology and later joined in School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University as Research Fellow to work on hydrogeology, Environmental sciences, EIA and Environmental management. He has submitted his Ph.D. thesis in the above field on "Environmental chemistry of fluoride rich groundwater and associated soil in Ajmer District, Rajasthan, India" under the joint supervision of Prof. V. Subramanian and Prof. M. A. Khan. He has a got a 'nack' for field work in terms of collection of samples in strategic places, preservation and analysis. He is good in handling all the sophisticated high tech analytical instruments including AAS with GF, UV-double beam spectrophotometer, XRD, IC, GC, etc. He is also good at software for statistical analysis of the chemical data, and diagrammatic representation using modern softwares including GIS.

He has presented his research work in few International and national forums and published few good papers in refereed standard journals in this field. He is very good in coordinating with technical people and guiding postgraduate students for their thesis/ project/ dissertation work. His published articles are widely referred and becomes source of information and have a wide appeal on regional scale. I am in fact collaborating with him in a project on fluoride problems in groundwater of Rajasthan and on the uptake and release of fluoride in soils.

He is very innovative and always has a through understanding of the problems before he take up any research. He is dedicated and enthusiastic and he will be an asset to any institution involved in the Aquatic research including the ground waters resource management. He is one of the best researchers in our country whom I come across so far in my 20yr. of research interaction. I wish him all success in getting this position. I strongly recommend his candidature.

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