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## Employee Profile of the Month- Ken Noland

Ken started at Marion as one of our top CDL drivers. He can drive anything, whether it is a tanker, a dump trailer, or a roll-off truck.

As good as his driving skills are, his real talent is in sales. For the last eight years he has been one of our top salesmen. He knows the business inside and out and is adept at guiding his clients to economical remedies to solve their environmental challenges.

Ken personally oversees his projects and has been known to jump in a truck if necessary to expedite the job. Clients know that they have a partner in Ken and MEI.

Marion Environmental Inc. is one of the leading providers of environmental consulting, remediation, and emergency response in the southeast. Our goal is to provide cost effective solutions to environmental problems.  
Making *our* standard, industry standard.

## Addition to Nashville

**Dana Petway** has assumed the Senior Geologist position in our Nashville office. With 25 years of experience, he will be a valuable addition to our environmental team. As a former state regulator, he has managed a myriad of projects and has an extensive knowledge of state environmental regulations. He joined the Division of Solid Waste after many years in the private sector, as a Senior Geologist and Project Manager. His career has included landfill design, CERCLA investigations, and remediation projects. Dana's regulatory viewpoint coupled with his real world experience will be invaluable when assessing a complex site.

## Recent Conference

MEI hosted a booth and attended the 2014 Railroad Environmental Conference in Urbana, IL on October 28-29.



Barry Lasley hosting the booth in Urbana

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## Safety Tip

### NTSB: Hands-free devices not safe for CMV drivers

Washington – The National Transportation Safety Board has renewed its call to ban the use of hands-free cell phones by all drivers operating commercial motor vehicles.

NTSB issued its recommendation Oct. 22 as part of a [final report](#) on a May 2013 collision involving a freight train and a dump truck in Rosedale, MD. The truck driver was distracted and failed to yield at a private crossing, according to NTSB, and the collision prompted a 15-car derailment and subsequent chemical explosion.

The report states that the driver answered a call using a hands-free headset about 18 seconds before the collision and one second before the first train horn. The driver said he had consulted with his company about using a hands-free device, which is not prohibited by Maryland law or federal regulations. NTSB cited several studies showing that cognitive distraction is similar for drivers who use hands-free and handheld devices. The National Safety Council has pushed for a ban on the use of all portable electronic devices – including hands-free – while driving.

## Upcoming Event

November 19, Chattanooga, TN

MEI is the Gold Sponsor, hosting a booth, and presenting at the Environmental Summit for the Tennessee Association of Manufacturers. Jeb Barrett, Senior Geologist for MEI, is the Chair of the Environmental Committee for the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association. MEI has been heavily involved in the environmental summit since its inception three years ago. Lex Lechleiter, Waste Manager at MEI is a presenter on Waste Management, specifically Universal Waste.

The Marion Chattanooga Office enjoyed a festive Halloween.



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Tara, Tammy, Lisa, Rusty

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