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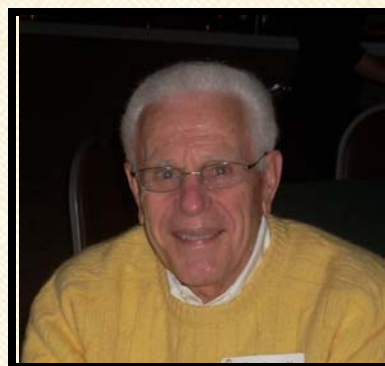
Multiple MEI technicians, supervisors, and inspectors have been recertified for Asbestos for 2014. Marion also sent representatives to the CSX Waste Disposal and Approval Process class in Atlanta, unfortunately the weather cut the class short.

National Travel

Some clients prefer uniformity in their environmental work. They know they can rely on the quality of Marion's work, which is why we often travel around the country for Phase I's and remediation projects. One of our consultants just returned from Texas, another from Virginia, and we will send a crew to Ohio in a few weeks. If you would prefer continuity with your satellite offices, please remember that MEI is not confined strictly to the southeast. We are expanding our region of operations.

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.



Marion Employee Profile – Phil Lutin

Phil Lutin joined Marion Environmental, Inc. in July 2007 and is the firm's Principal Environmental Engineer. During the preceding eleven years, he was an owner and Principal Engineer of Tri-State Testing and Drilling, LLC. Mr. Lutin's career includes hydrologic studies with the US Geological Survey, teaching positions at Tennessee Technological University and the University of Massachusetts, and over 35 years of private practice as a consulting environmental engineer.

Mr. Lutin has been approved by the EPA as a Superfund Remediation Engineer and Contractor. Mr. Lutin holds both a B.E. in Civil Engineering and an MS in Environmental Engineering from Vanderbilt University.

The perplexity of many projects are vetted in our conference room with Phil at the helm. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced consultant mold all of our P.G.'s and P.E.'s.

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MSDS to SDS

A reminder to safety professionals: the Hazard Communication Standard has been revised by OSHA to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). As a result of these changes, the new 16 section SDSs will have stricter formatting and additional information requirements. To comply, it will help if you have a system in place for catching new changes to safety data sheets.

For example:

- Have a designated employee in charge of the transition to GHS
- Make sure your employees, especially those on the front lines in procurement and the loading dock (where MSDSs are likely to first enter the facility), are on the lookout for updated SDSs
- When a new safety data sheet comes in – have a system in place for comparing it to the earlier version, making note of any relevant changes
- Plan/execute training
- Update your MSDS library / archive old MSDSs

Key Deadlines for Hazcom 2012

- **December 1, 2013** – By this date, employers must train employees on how to read GHS formatted labels and SDSs. Employees need to understand where to find information on the SDS.
- **June 1, 2015** – By this date, chemical manufacturers and distributors should have completed their reclassification of chemicals and will be shipping GHS formatted SDSs and labels with their shipments.
- **December 1, 2015** – Distributors have an additional 6 months beyond the June 1, 2015 date to pass along manufacturer labels and SDSs in the older formats.
- **June 1, 2016** – By this date employers should be fully compliant with HazCom 2012.

Chattanooga Chamber Small Business Award Nominee



Chattanooga Chamber Small Business Award 2014

Marion Environmental has been chosen as a finalist for the 2014 Small Business Awards by Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce. The awards are given to reflect the diversity of business in the community and promote excellence in small business. The awards are going to be distributed at a luncheon on Wednesday, March 19.

Safety Tip

An eye injury is an extremely serious injury, and the risk is no less whether an accident occurs on the job or at home. It requires only a spark, a tiny piece of metal or a splash of a chemical to cause serious harm. Wearing proper eye protection/safety glasses is a simple precaution, far too often overlooked, that greatly reduces the risk of eye injury.

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