

# Marion Environmental, Inc. – MEI Monthly

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*Employee of the Month – Gary Patton*

## GARY PATTON IS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2013

Gary is the Plant Manager at Aqua Treat and has been a part of the Marion Environmental family since 1999. Aided by his steady leadership and dedication, Aqua Treat has grown from a small local wastewater treatment plant to become one of the predominant waste management, treatment, and disposal facilities in the Southeast. In addition to designing a recent expansion of the plant's treatment capacity, Gary has overseen and completed a renovation project to improve the capabilities of our solidification facility. We want to thank Gary for his years of service, and look forward to many more.

## SAFETY TIP

Slow Down – Excessive Speed Causes Accidents.

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.

## AIPG – Tennessee



Jeb Barrett, a Professional Geologist with Marion Environmental since 2006, is the new President-Elect of the Tennessee section of AIPG. The American Institute of Professional Geologists is the largest association dedicated to promoting geology as a profession. It presently has more than 6,000 members in the U.S. and abroad, organized into 36 regional Sections. The Institute adheres to the principles of professional responsibility and public service. It is the only international organization that certifies the competence and ethical conduct of geological scientists in all branches of the sciences. With members employed in industry, government, and academia, AIPG emphasizes competence, integrity and ethics. AIPG is an advocate for the profession and communicates regularly to federal and state legislators and agencies on matters pertaining to the geosciences. We want to congratulate Jeb on this esteemed position.



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## WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS



In April, TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) celebrates Supplier Diversity Awareness Month and TVA will invite vendors to some special outreach events.

This prompted us to note that Marion Environmental has been a certified woman owned business by WBENC for many years. Ellen Gallant has been President and majority shareholder of Marion Environmental since 2000 and has moved Marion from a small local company with just a few services to a flourishing regional company with diversified services that are provided by a highly trained staff. If your company needs Marion to certify their woman owned status with your company please email the certification form to Louise Schweinforth at: [lgallant@marionenv.com](mailto:lgallant@marionenv.com).



## OSRO/EPA Region IV Meeting

In February, Matt Skinner attended the Coast Guard National Strike Force/ EPA Region IV meeting in South Carolina. Approximately 125 federal and state emergency managers were present. Marion was the only private sector contractor present, which is unusual. FEMA, state EMA representatives, the Coast Guard, NOAA, EPA Region IV, and On Scene Coordinators all attended. Matt had the opportunity to field questions that were related to "general" contractor policy when working with state and federal agencies. These meetings are designed to gauge each individual state's resources and the overall ability of the region to respond to large scale releases and natural disasters. Additional budget cuts have resulted in the loss of key personnel and equipment that has left no state unaffected. The opinion among many of the esteemed assembly was that a general shift towards the private sector and the OSRO program was eminent.



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