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Marion Employee Profile Jeremy Staser

Jeremy started his career with MEI at our Knoxville branch in August 2006. Having previously worked in the environmental industry for several years before joining MEI, he has been an invaluable supervisor at spills and industrial jobs alike. A natural team leader, Jeremy has an innate, almost uncanny ability to adapt to any situation in the field.

He is never daunted by difficult projects and his optimism is matched only by his talent and ability to think outside the box. Whether it is a crew in Knoxville or Chattanooga by his side, everyone who works with Jeremy feels lucky to have him managing their team. He is a railcar specialist who enjoys the challenge of railroad spills and is a key incident commander for Marion's E.R. team.

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 likes to help the communities we work in and through our participation in L.E.P.C. meetings, we are often involved in emergency mock drills.

MEI's Steve Wright and Barry Lasley will participate in the Tri-Cities Regional Airport mock airplane crash drill, along with firefighters, police, doctors, nurses, and other emergency workers who will also take part in the exercise on April 22.

High School students will play the roles of the injured passengers as first responders rush to the runway and transport them to the mock hospital.

Federal Aviation Administration guidelines require airports to hold a mock plane crash once every three years to smooth out emergency response systems and give all responders the opportunity to train for such an event.

The airport will put together a report card, grading first responders on what they did right, and in what areas they could improve. MEI is pleased to be part of this exercise.

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The Shipper is Required But the Carrier Becomes Responsible

Section 172.506 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations states that “each person offering to a motor carrier a hazardous material for transportation by highway shall provide to the motor carrier the required placards for the material being offered prior to or at the same time the material is offered for transportation, unless the carrier’s motor vehicle is already placarded for the material as required.”

It goes on to state that “no motor carrier may transport a hazardous material in a motor vehicle unless the placards required for the hazardous material are affixed to it as required.”

Even though the regulations state that it is the shipper’s responsibility to provide the proper placards, it is the driver and the motor carrier who must make sure the shipment is in full compliance with the same regulation.



Environmental Show of the South- April 30th

MEI’s Consulting Department will be attending the 43rd Annual Solid/Hazardous Waste Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. MEI will host an exhibition booth at the conference, and our consultants will attend the informative breakout sessions lead by state regulators.

Safety Tip

With the weather warming up, we have listed some outdoor hazards that people should be aware of:

Physical hazards: Extreme heat (can cause heat stroke, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat rash, and other problems), lightning (kills about 80 people in the US each year and injures hundreds), UV radiation (can cause problems such as sunburn and skin cancer).

Biological Hazards: Vector-borne diseases (may be spread by insects such as mosquitoes, or ticks which carry among others West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease), Venomous Wildlife and Insects (some people are highly allergic to bites or stings and go into anaphylactic shock which kills 40-50 people in the US a year.) Poisonous plants (like poison ivy and poison oak). These plants can cause an allergic reaction to a person’s skin but more importantly can be dangerous if they are burned and their toxins are inhaled.

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