



Profile of the Month-Duke Rodabaugh

Duke is a great representative for MEI. His positive attitude and easy smile are infectious. Clients and fellow employees alike speak highly of him.

Hazardous waste hauling is his specialty. With many years' experience in the industry, Duke is one of our preferred drivers for hazardous waste and long hauls. He is a hard worker with a great attitude; a combination that makes him stand out amongst clients and coworkers alike.

On weekends he is going full throttle too. Alongside his son, he travels the racing circuit, supporting his son's talent.

Duke joined us three years ago, and we often wonder how we got along without him.

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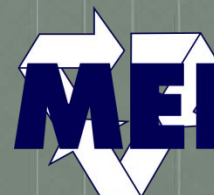
Marion trained and participated in training in Pueblo, CO

Gary Shelton from Marion's Knoxville office was one of the instructors in the Emergency Response, Hazmat Training in Pueblo, CO. Eddie Womac of our Chattanooga office also participated in the week long intensive course, which focused on derailments.



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HAPPENINGS



The Environmental Show of the South was held in Chattanooga this year and was a great success. Gatlinburg had hosted the conference for years before Chattanooga's debut this May. We think the change of venue brought fresh excitement to the event (Not that we're biased for our hometown!)

The conference was spacious, the food excellent, and attendance was up dramatically from previous years. It was a thrill meeting with so many peers and business leaders from our area.

In addition to the networking opportunities, the conference offered continuing education classes, including field trips to environment-ally impacted sites, which several of our consultants attended. All of us are looking forward to next year's conference.

CSX Rail Worker Training – Atlanta, GA

Gary Shelton was a trainer and several techs participated in the training in Atlanta.

SAFETY TIPS – Oily Rags

How can rags start a fire?

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up, which is why a pile of oily rags can be dangerous. As the rags dry, the heat is trapped and can build up to the point of combustion. Be aware that this does not happen with water-based finishes.

How can liquids start a fire?

Vapors from flammable and combustible liquids can ignite, causing a fire. There are many commonly used flammable liquids. Gasoline, lacquers, and nail polish are just a few examples. There are many commonly used combustible liquids. Paint thinner, kerosene, and oil-based paints and stains are some examples.

RAGS WET WITH PAINT AND STAIN

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. At the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry.
- Hang the rags outside or spread them on the ground. Weigh them down. Do this so they do not blow away. Keep them away from buildings.
- Put dried rags in a metal container. Make sure the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution. This will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Keep them out of direct sunlight. Keep them away from other heat sources.

LIQUIDS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame.
- Do not smoke near these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, place them outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel. Never use it as a cleaner. Never use it to break down grease. Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Store gasoline ONLY in a container that is sold for that purpose.

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