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DARLENE DARILEK EMPLOYEE PROFILE FOR AUGUST 2013

Darlene has been with us for more than twenty years. Professional and dedicated, she is an ideal employee.

She handles accounting for Aqua Treat. She submits air permit data and maintains insurance, equipment, and employee lists. When the Workman's Comp auditor calls, we turn to Darlene. She keeps us in compliance, renewing licenses, compiling tax records, and maintaining financial statements.

She has been a steady hand through good times and bad. If you call at 7:30 in the morning, Darlene will probably answer.

If success is measured by the quality of our employees, Darlene proves that we are indeed successful. 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.

Training

Emergency Managers for Marion Environmental Inc. recently attended the Chlorine Institute training in conjunction with TRANSCAER held in Baton Rouge at the Baton Rouge Southern Railroad, Brooklawn Yard.

The training covered all facets of emergency response to chlorine incidents in transportation and fixed facilities. MEI responders were trained in many areas of chlor alkyl response including the Next Generation chlorine car valve arrangement and all capping kits. With all Emergency Response preparation, it is important to continually prepare for the worst while hoping for the best.

With hazardous cargos rolling through our region, chemical specific training enables our responders to be equipped for every situation.



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Safety First

Marion Environmental's safety management team recently attended the annual TN Safety Congress in Nashville. Beneficial workshops and classes characterized the three day event.

Steve Hawkins with TOSHA gave a presentation that focused on the root cause of workplace fatalities investigated by TOSHA during 2012. It was a sobering analysis of the tragedies that occur regularly in the work place.

His presentation included a review of citations issued. A very important "lesson learned" from this class is how a simple bump to the head can lead to a serious or even fatal injury. One incident involved a man in his thirties slipping and hitting his head. He thought he was fine and did not seek medical attention. He later died in his sleep from bleeding in his brain.

Other tragic and senseless fatalities occurred due to employee distraction. One person was standing in a parking lot and was struck by a large truck, and another worker was not paying attention to the walking surface and fell to his death. Safety training tends to focus on obvious safety hazards like fall protection and proper PPE. TOSHA pointed out the need to find creative training methods that help employees stay focused and engaged.



SAFETY TIP

Give clear work instructions. Make sure employees know the correct way to do what you expect of them. Don't just give them a list of things <u>not</u> to do. Include safety instructions in every procedure you write.

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