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Marion Employee Profile Tammy Sprouse

Tammy has been with MEI for 9 years and has proven to be not only a vital member of the team, but one of our most versatile environmental experts. She is an asbestos supervisor, a skilled OSHA instructor, a safety specialist, and a company advocate.

In addition to her field work and regular asbestos sampling, assessment and abatement projects, she routinely conducts safety refresher and renewal meetings for both MEI and Aqua Treat employees.

Tammy's enthusiasm for her work is infectious. She has an attitude that, when met with a challenge, envisions only possibilities, and it has been a joy having her on the 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.

Recent/Upcoming Events

August 6, 2014

Sullivan County LEPC hosted a conference at Eastman's Toy F. Reid Employee Center. MEI had a booth and displayed one of our ER trailers. Tammy Sprouse delivered a presentation on Tier II reporting.

August 21-22

Georgia Environmental Conference - MEI is hosting a booth and sending several geologists to the Georgia Environmental Conference at Jekyll Island, GA Conference Center. It is an informative meeting with Georgia regulators leading classes and an opportunity for our geologists to learn about new regulations.

Safety Tip

Before a technician may wear a required respirator in the workplace, the employee must undergo a medical evaluation in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134(e). After the medical evaluation is successfully completed, the employee will be fit tested.

Fit testing must be conducted:

- Using the same make, model, style, and size of respirator that the employee will wear in the workplace
- Prior to initial use of the respirator
- When a different respirator facepiece will be used (e.g., size, style, model, or make)
- Annually following the initial fit test

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Spill in Dalton, GA

Highlights from the Tier II Presentation

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 was created to help communities plan for emergencies involving hazardous substances. EPCRA requires hazardous chemical emergency planning by federal, state and local governments and industry. It also requires industry to report on the storage, use, and release of hazardous chemicals to federal, state, and local governments. (http://www2.epa.gov/epcra)

Tier II Reporting is required:

For any hazardous chemical used or stored in the workplace, facilities must maintain a safety data sheet (SDS). SDSs, or a list of chemicals, must be submitted yearly to their State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and local fire department by March 1st.

Tier II continued:

Facilities must also report an annual inventory of these chemicals to their SERC, LEPC and local fire department by the March 1st deadline.

The information must be made available to the public.

The consolidated list of chemicals subject to EPCRA, CERCLA & Section 112(r) of the CAA is known as the List of Lists. It was prepared to help facilities handling chemicals determine, for a specific chemical, whether they may be subject to certain reporting requirements.

Tier II Chemical Inventory Reporting (EPCRA 312)

Answers to your questions may be found at the web address listed below http://emergencymanagement.support portal.com/link/portal/23002/23016/A rticleFolder/750/Tier-II-Chemical-Inventory-Reporting-EPCRA-312



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