

Project Summary

Safety Program Development: Citywide DCOMM Inspection

Client:

City in Jefferson County,
WI

Contact:

Confidential

Project Manager:

Mr. Steve Adamavich,
Senior Safety & Health
Specialist

Regulatory Status:

Development of Written
procedures, program devel-
opment and training to meet
public sector regulations

Project Features

- Abatement of community-wide inspection orders in a timely manner
- Coordination of all city departments with the development of departmental safety programs for citywide entities
- Lengthy process before the project was initiated
- Programs are being phased in on a priority basis addressing those programs that address a greater likelihood of employee exposure to hazards

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Introduction and Value to Client

Late in the year 2005, Alpha Terra Science was asked to provide a proposal to the City Administrator for abatement of 17 citations issued on an inspection report and orders. The citations were issued to a number of entities in a city with a population of about 8,000 people. Through a lengthy waiting period, Alpha Terra was given approval to assist the City with the development and implementation of a compliant citywide safety program.

Synopsis

It took over 15 months to get approval for this project. Included, were four onsite visits that involved discussions with the City Administrator, visits with various department managers, and a meeting with the City Common Council. In addition, there were monthly communications with the City Administrator to check on the progress of the proposal. Also, during this time period there were periodic visits by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce inspector who issued the citations

From a city standpoint the obstacle was funding for the project. Most of the onsite discussions revolved around cost versus benefit knowing that eventually the citations needed to be abated. Ultimately, the value of utilizing the resources of an experienced professional were recognized as the best approach to take.

Departments included the: water utility, wastewater treatment facility, public works, electric utility, parks, and selected administrative support areas.

The first phase of program development began in the fourth quarter of 2006. Upon completion of the first phase of programs, the Alpha Terra project manager assisted the city safety coordinator with prioritizing the next grouping of programs to undertake with project completion being completed by mid 2008.

We will assist the City as a part-time safety resource for ongoing services including program updates, procedure and permit reviews and documentation, annual training, and other requests that may arise during the course of the year.