

Project Summary

Multi Countywide Department Effort: Lincoln County , WI

Client:

Lincoln County, WI

Contact:

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Regulatory Status:

Multi Countywide depart-
ment effort to attain regula-
tory compliance

Project Features

- Safety Assessment
- Written Program Development customized to four entities within the County
- Comm 32 Employee training
- MSHA Refresher Training
- Industrial Hygiene Sampling for air and noise
- Accident Investigation
- Develop a schedule of annual program reviews, updates, and training needs
- Assisted in the purchasing process for respiratory equipment selection
- Electronic Safety Management System

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Introduction and Value to Client

Alpha Terra Science was introduced to the Lincoln County Highway Commissioner, Randy Scholz, during the 2005 Wisconsin County Highway Association Conference. At that time, Randy requested a proposal for a safety appraisal for the highway department.

Shortly after Randy's request and completion of the appraisal, we received a phone call from the Solid Waste Manager of Lincoln County wanting a proposal for written program development. His request was a result of the highway commissioner's decision to meet his department's regulatory compliance needs. It took awhile, but soon the Solid Waste Department, Parks Department, and Maintenance Department, all joined with the Highway Department to initiate development of a safety program for all of the entities.

Synopsis

This effort was a culmination of a number of onsite visits with department heads and many phone communications to pull things together. This project is virtually countywide, the only exception being Administrative Staff.

The highway commissioner took the lead in moving this project forward knowing that his employees were at the greatest risk. Each department had it's own budget and was responsible for the safety of their department employees. By working together as a group, we increased efficiencies by working on the same program for all entities when performing onsite visits. Travel costs were also spread amongst the four entities resulting in cost savings for each of the entities.

The success of this type of project takes an extra amount of effort to bring department heads together during the same visit so that the directional path keeps on pace.

The final phase of programs is complete with special emphasis being provided to the highway department and their high priority need for a Respiratory Protection Program and development of an Electronic Safety Management System.