

## Project Summary

### Safety Program Development: Safety Coordinator for Citywide Entities

**Client:**

City of Watertown

**Contact:**

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**Project Manager:**

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**Regulatory Status:**

Written procedures, program development and training to meet public sector regulations

**Project Features**

- Abatement of wastewater utility inspection orders in a timely manner
- Coordination of other city departments with the development of departmental safety programs for other city entities
- Working with multiple departments during joint visits aided in cost reductions for the departments involved
- Being retained for ongoing technical support as a part-time safety coordinator

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**Introduction and Value to Client**

In the year 2000, Alpha Terra Science was retained by the City of Watertown WWTP to assist with the abatement of inspection orders issued by a Wisconsin Department of Commerce Occupational Safety inspector. What started as a single entity relationship has developed into a long-term partnering relationship between Alpha Terra and the City of Watertown including the water department, wastewater treatment plant, streets department, recycling department, parks, recreation and forestry. All of these city entities are now current with a compliant safety program that is overseen on an annual basis.

**Synopsis**

What seemed to be a fairly straightforward project has blossomed into a valued relationship between the City of Watertown and Alpha Terra. Although the initial phases of the project were addressed as the result of observed deficiencies by a DCOMM inspector, those violations were abated and additional safety programs were addressed to provide the WWTP with a compliant Comm 32 program.

While this project was in process, we began negotiations with the water department, streets & recycling departments, and parks and recreation departments. Each of these entities had out of date components of a safety program so we worked with the group as a total, to assist in efficiencies while passing the cost savings on to the departments. Alpha Terra made it a point to visit multiple entities when on site, working on the same regulatory programs in order to make the best use of time for both parties involved.

The end results are customized safety programs, by department, that are being managed on an annual basis. Supplemental programs such as electrical safety have also been added. In addition, we are now assisting the City with providing multiple MSHA 8-hour refresher training courses. We have provided this service for the last 4 years. A strong bond has been established through hard work and trust by the City of Watertown that their compliance efforts are being addressed by experienced professionals. **Electronic Safety Management Systems** are currently being developed for the Water Utility and WWTP.