



How small has our world become?

Safety and environmental, our economy and our livelihood has become not just part of the United States but the world. The way we do business is changing and the regulations with which we must comply are changing. Signs of this--for those of us working in the safety and environmental field--are becoming obvious.

Several trends are shaping the safety and environmental regulatory compliance landscape. Recent examples include Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) regulations in Europe, the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (ROHS), Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations, and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) requirements adopted by the UN and at least 15 countries and proposed as a change in OSHA Hazard Communication Regulation.

FCMA's EHS Committee is working to keep informed on these and other proposed regulations so our members will be able to comply and have a better understanding of them. The compliance with these regulations has become a complex, time-consuming and often expensive task. We need your help in determining how we will be affected and what we need to do to ensure information is presented to our members in a timely manner.

Rich Maguire of Rogers Towers will lead the subcommittee to study the deepening of the river and its effects on not only the river but also the resulting

fuel usage reduction and other economic aspects of the plan. Ken Wilkey, with Anheuser-Busch, is heading up the subcommittee on water conservation. I will be working on a safety mentoring program. Neil Hancock, with Golder Associates, is heading up the subcommittee on manufacturers' participation. Fellow committee leaders Paul Steinbrecher (JEA) and Greg Reynolds (Water Recovery) are working on local and national environmental issues. We will be working to develop other subcommittees regarding OSHA, EPA and DOT issues.

Make 2010 the year that you join in the activities of FCMA. Lend your expertise. The more you give, the more your company will get from the association. As a team, we can strengthen FCMA and help each other understand these regulations and maintain our respect in the community and the world.

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