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**Presenter Information**

**Dr. Robert Beiter** is president of Consulting Audiological Associates, Inc. (CAA), located in Oak Park, Illinois. CAA provides Hearing Conservation Services in and outside of Illinois. Dr. Beiter consults with industry relative to all aspects of hearing conservation. He conducts noise surveys and employee education programs, offers seminars in Hearing Conservation, testifies regarding hearing loss and noise exposure and is a Course Director for CAOHC approved audiometric technician training courses. Dr. Beiter also sees patients for evaluation and rehabilitation of hearing loss.

**Sherrill F. Benjamin** is Whistleblower Program Manager, Department of Labor-OSHA, Region V, Chicago, Illinois. Sherrill has 20 years of experience in the investigation and resolution of Whistleblower complaints regulated by OSHA.



**Dennis Cesarotti** is a principal of Aires Consulting Group and the Director of Technical Services. He also holds a Ph.D. in Environmental and Occupational Health from the University of Illinois. As both a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and Certified Safety Professional (CSP), he has extensive experience on all aspects of health, safety and environmental consulting.

**Richard Cassetto** has been a ComEd Safety Professional for 22 years. He has addressed safety concerns for Exelon Corp's nuclear stations, corporate office and overhead and underground work.



**Tim Conley** is the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team Administrator and Commander. Following Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, he was Incident Commander of the field hospital which handled over 6,000 patients in a 5-day period. When a need is identified, The Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) responds to and assists with emergency medical treatment at mass casualty incidents, including chemical, biological and radiological incidents. The team responds when activated by the Director of Public Health or a designee.



**Gary N. Crawford** is the Vice President of Boelter & Yates, Inc. in Park Ridge, Illinois. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and a consultant specializing in indoor environmental quality and building technologies. His practice includes investigating and solving chemical and biological contamination problems encountered in buildings. He has made related conference presentations to AIA, AIHA, BOCA, CSI, ICC and AACE groups. He is an alternate delegate to the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings and a member of the ASTM mold Task Force.



**Rodney Dahlin** has been involved for many years in the development, implementation, and auditing of management systems. His employment responsibilities have included senior level executive positions and consulting assignments for a variety of manufacturing corporations and not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Dahlin earned a BS in Industrial Engineering and an MBA from Northwestern University.

**Mike Fagel** has over 30 years of experience in public safety, law enforcement, EMS, Fire Rescue and Emergency Management, as well as OSHA safety. He has been involved in VPP since the mid 1980's. Currently, he is a security analyst for several federal agencies on WMD, Agro Terrorism, Emergency Planning and Public Health. He served at the World Trade Center in 2001 as a safety officer and at the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995 as a CIS briefer and safety officer. He has traveled extensively in the U.S. and middle-east on emergency planning. He worked at FEMA for over ten years and served at a local fire rescue department for 25 years.

**Bob Frank** is currently the Corporate Director of Safety & Health for Office Max, Inc. Bob has nearly 30 years of experience in the safety and health disciplines. Prior work experience includes safety leadership positions at Lufthansa's Chef Solutions organization and at the Kellogg/Keebler Companies. Bob also has extensive experience in workers' compensation and in insurance control, having spent 16 years with the CNA organization.

**Carlos Gallegos** began his career in the United States Air Force as a Mission Ready Technician. Next, he held a civilian technician position at the Defense Department, where he worked in various locations around the world. He has held his present position with OSHA as Compliance Safety & Health Officer since 2000.

**Ed Gorman** is a Certified Safety Professional and is Director of Operations for Aires Consulting Group. He is responsible for all operations of the company including health, safety and environmental consulting, as well as its design/construction group. He has extensive experience in the commercial, industrial, institutional, governmental and construction markets.

**Nancy Hauter** has worked for OSHA for 19 years. In that time, she has been a Compliance Officer (CSHO), a training instructor and is currently the Compliance Assistance Specialist at the Chicago North Area Office. She holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology from Purdue University.

**Mary Ann Howe** has been with USDOL-OSHA for one year. She previously served 8 years with the State of Michigan as MIOSHA Investigator.



**Skip Irwin** is Chair of the SH&E Action Team at ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery. He has been a Safety Committee Member for over 20 years, and was personally involved as it evolved from “gripe session” meetings to the current “Action Team” format. Since starting in 1973, Skip has worked in a variety of refinery jobs including Process, Mechanical and Safety. He has been a member of the volunteer fire brigade, rescue, and medical teams for 30 years. He was a part of the 1991 site VPP committee, helping the site to achieve VPP STAR status.



**Gene Keefe** holds a B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago and a J.D. from John Marshall Law School. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Workers’ Compensation Lawyers Association, and Workers’ Compensation Claims Association. He has served as Arbitrator, Cook County Mandatory Court Annexed Arbitration, and has been Editor of Workers’ Compensation Law Update from July, 1992 to the present.

**Trooper Mike Kuehl** is a six year veteran of the Illinois State Police. Trooper Kuehl began his career at District One in Sterling, patrolling northwestern Illinois. Trooper Kuehl has served the Illinois State Police as a field training instructor, an emergency medical response instructor, and as a Trooper specializing in juvenile crimes. On May 1, 2005, Trooper Kuehl transferred to the Methamphetamine Response Team, a unit designed to investigate, seize and dismantle clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

**Rose Kugler** is president of Risk Innovations, an independent risk management and insurance consulting firm. Rose has over twenty years of experience as a risk manager and twelve years prior insurance industry experience. She is a Chartered Property-Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Associate in Risk Management (ARM), teaches CPCU and ARM classes, and was awarded an AICPCU/IIA Outstanding Course Leader Award.

**Mike Lamberty** is a licensed architect and Director of Design Services for Aires Consulting Group. He is responsible for all phases of construction programming, planning, design, budget estimates, document and specification preparation, and construction administration for all projects.



**Cindy Coe Laseter** serves as Regional Administrator for Region IV of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Appointed in February 2000, Ms. Laseter has worked to address the high number of fatalities in the region through a balanced program of enforcement, outreach and cooperative programs. The region has become known for its creativity and innovation. Ms. Laseter has also guided the region through disaster responses to hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne in 2004 and Katrina and Wilma in 2005.

Ms. Laseter began her career with OSHA in 1979 as an industrial hygienist in Bellevue, Washington, and moved up the ladder as CSHO in Boise, ID. In 1987, she became a member of OSHA's Health Response Team based in Salt Lake City, and in 1988 was named area director for OSHA's operations in Alaska. While there, she led the OSHA response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In 1991, Ms. Laseter became the deputy regional administrator for OSHA Region I in Boston.

Ms. Laseter is a graduate of Colorado State University, is certified in the comprehensive practice of industrial hygiene, and is a member of AIHA, AAIH and ACGIH. Ms. Laseter is currently serving as immediate past chair of the Board of ACGIH.

Since 1987, **Mary Leikness** has held positions as a Compliance Officer, an OSHA Training Institute Instructor and a Regional Consultation Program Analyst. She has received three Secretary of Labor Exceptional Achievement Awards for her work in developing, implementing and presenting Safety and Health Program Management Systems.

**Steve Lipton** is President of Biotest Services Inc., and has worked in Environmental Health for 15 years. He has done consulting, training and auditing of food manufacturers and food service facilities in six states. He received his LEHP in 1993 and has been CFSP through NEHA since 1999. He received a Master's in Education from Loyola University in Chicago.



**Bob LoMastro**, LoMastro & Associates, is a former Green Beret, Navy Hospital Corpsman & Supervisor of the National Safety Council's Safety Training Institute. He holds a Masters Degree in Safety Management and Engineering and first developed his unique teaching style as an instructor at the Naval School of Health Sciences. Bob draws upon a career spanning over thirty years of teaching safety and health related topics in both general industry and construction companies.



**Isbelia Lugo**, founder of Innovative Safety Solutions, Inc. (ISSI) is a bi-lingual OSHA-trained (English and Spanish) Loss Control Consultant and safety and training specialist. Studying Business Education at the University of Nebraska, Isbelia's background includes 17 years of experience in Safety/Injury Prevention and Loss Control. Isbelia has traveled nation-wide, implementing bi-lingual safety and culture training for corporations, municipalities and manufacturing industries.

**Mike McGawley** is a Certified Safety Professional who received his Bachelors Degree in Occupational Safety from Illinois State University in 1983. Over the past 20 years, Mike has been in the environmental safety and health profession in the Chicago area. He has served in many capacities in various industries and is currently the Safety Director with II in One Contractors, Inc.

**Rex W Moore** holds a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering, has been a Certified Industrial Hygienist, for over 28 years, a Certified Safety Professional for over 10 years and has over 30 years of experience in the environmental, safety and health field. He is well-versed in industrial hygiene instrumentation.

**Morgan Neff** took his first rope rescue course in 1979. Morgan became active in the mountaineering and mountain rescue and by 1986 was an instructor for a number of mountain rescue courses. By 1992, Morgan had begun teaching industrial rescue and fall protection full time. In 1994 he began his work with a manufacturer of Fall Protection and Rescue equipment. His initial involvement in the manufacturing process was the testing of equipment. From his start in testing, Morgan moved into quality control, product development and then sales and product training. In 2001 Morgan moved to Phoenix to become the Western Area Fall Protection/Construction Sales Manager for MSA.

**Phillip G. Pekron**, CIH, CSP, has a Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Illinois with emphasis in Industrial Hygiene and a B.S. in Biology from Loyola University. Mr. Pekron is the President of Pekron Consulting providing comprehensive environmental health and safety services to nationally recognized clients. Prior to joining Pekron Consulting, Phil spent six years as training coordinator at OSHA's National Training Institute developing curriculum and teaching federal and state compliance officers. Phil came to OSHA from the U.S. EPA, where he worked as an Environmental Scientist enforcing the regulations of the Clean Air Act, which included those under the NESHAP provisions. Phil is also an instructor at Northern Illinois University's OSHA Outreach Center.

**Christine Petitti** has been an Emergency Response instructor with OSHA for the past three years and a member of the Regional Response Team. She has volunteered as a specialist with her local emergency response association (WEMA) and local emergency planning committee (LEPC). She has served as a Safety Officer at multiple incidents.

**Nancy M. Quick** has over 30 years of experience in the field of occupational safety and health. Ms. Quick is a Certified Safety Professional, Certified Industrial Hygienist, a member of the Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health Advisory Board (University of Illinois), and a member of Kane County Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Currently, Nancy serves as the Compliance Assistance Specialist for the North Aurora Area Office. She provides technical assistance on compliance with OSHA safety and health standards to large and small businesses located in the 17 counties of Northwest Illinois. Ms. Quick is also responsible for developing partnerships with employers, trade groups, schools, and labor organizations, to secure greater awareness of and compliance with OSHA regulations.

**John G. Rahilly** has worked in the construction industry for approximately 20 years in the Chicagoland area. He is currently a senior instructor with the Construction Safety Council in Hillside, Illinois. John teaches an array of courses from fall protection, excavation, cranes, OSHA 10 and 30-Hour to the OSHA 500 course that equips trainers to instruct the 10 and 30-hour OSHA courses.



**David Regelbrugge**, CIH, CSP, holds a Bachelors of Science degree from Loyola University of Chicago. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), State of Illinois Licensed Industrial Hygienist (LIH), and Certified Safety Professional (CSP). He has 18 plus years of experience in industrial hygiene and safety and specializes in indoor air quality investigation.

**Dana L Root**, MS, CPE, is the OSHA Region V Ergonomics Coordinator with over 20 years of ergonomic experience working with companies to handle their ergonomic issues through outreach, compliance assistance, and enforcement.



**Eugene Satrun**, CIH, CSP, has been with ExxonMobil for 16 years and previously spent 11 years with OSHA. Eugene is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and a Certified Safety Professional, and holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Illinois. During his work with OSHA, Eugene conducted or supervised close to 1,000 inspections including heavy industry, high rise, nuclear plant, and other large scale projects. At the ExxonMobil refinery, he is involved in major contractor projects, some involving over 3,000 contractor employees on site. Eugene is a member of the Three Rivers Contractor IH Committee and the American Industrial Hygiene Association Construction Committee.



**Catherine E. Simmons**, CIH, has over 21 years of experience in environmental health, industrial hygiene, and occupational safety. Her experience includes working for local and state governments, private industry and providing consulting for a variety of clients. She is certified by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene in comprehensive practice (1990) and in the subspecialty of Indoor Environmental Quality (1993).

Ms. Simmons has conducted, managed or directed numerous health and safety risk assessments. Her work involves industrial hygiene, indoor air quality, safety and environmental projects as a consultant. She has experience working in single family homes, apartment buildings, high rise office and residential buildings, industrial manufacturing complexes, and construction sites.

**Anthony M. Towey** holds a BS in Chemistry. Anthony was hired as an Industrial Hygienist in March of 1997 at the Chicago North Area Office. He worked under Diane Turek and John Maronic prior to leaving the Chicago North Office for the OSHA Training Institute as a Safety Instructor, where he served from June of 2002 until July of 2005. Anthony currently works under Kathy O'Connell, Area Director, as a Lead Industrial Hygienist supervising Compliance Safety and Health Officers and Whistle Blower Investigators. Anthony has been a certified industrial hygienist since August of 2003.

**James H. van Wagenen** is the Section Chief – Planning for the Winfield Emergency Management Agency and formerly was the Director, Leadership Development, for Milton Township Emergency Response Teams. In the business world, he is known for his consulting in Organizational Development/Team Building and Information Technology with a focus on coherent management, communication and measurement of team goals.



**Gary L. Visscher** was appointed to the U.S. Chemical Safety Board by President Bush on August 2, 2004. He previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), at the U.S. Department of Labor from November 2001 until August 2004 and as Vice President, Employee Relations, for the American Iron and Steel Institute in Washington D.C.

Mr. Visscher also served as a Presidential appointee to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and prior to that, served for fourteen years as a legislative staff person for the U.S. House of Representatives. From 1989 to 1999, he served as professional staff member and workforce policy counsel for the House Committee on Education and Workforce, where he worked on a variety of workforce issues, including occupational safety and health.

Mr. Visscher is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and Calvin College.



**Richard Vulpitta** is President of the Illinois Safety Council. Rick has over 25 years of safety/emergency response planning experience. Rick has 16 years of gas/electric utility safety/emergency planning experience with NIPSCO, 10 years as a volunteer with the American Red Cross and 9 years with the National Safety Council. Rick has given talks nationally on emergency planning and remains active in emergency response planning.



**Stephen J. Wallace** is a Recommendations Manager with the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). He assists investigation teams in developing recommendations to prevent chemical accidents. Prior to becoming Recommendations Manager, he led several field investigations of catastrophic accidents.

Prior to joining the CSB, he was a production manager, safety consultant, and health and safety manager for two OSHA VPP Star facilities. He has written several articles about safety that have been published in numerous trade journals. He is a contributing author to the upcoming ASSE Safety Handbook.

He has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kentucky, and is a registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Safety Professional.

**Gary Weil** earned his B.S. and M.S. from Northern Illinois University's College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, with an emphasis in Occupational Safety and Health and Industrial Management. Gary has 14 years of experience working for OSHA as a safety specialist. Gary conducts workplace inspections and accident investigations in construction and general industry. During Gary's tenure with OSHA, he has conducted and participated in over 1,000 inspections. Gary has attended and presented safety and health training courses at OSHA's National Training Institute.

**Loren Wolf** (aka, The Back Lady) is president of MSIC, Inc. in Chicago. She provides training and consulting services to the general and construction industries in the area of back injury prevention, ergonomics and return to work programs.

**George Yoksas** is the Area Director for the Milwaukee Area Office and has over 33 years of safety and health experience. He has worked in all of the Chicago area offices and in the Regional OSHA office.