



# Top Ten Environmental Compliance Audit Findings:

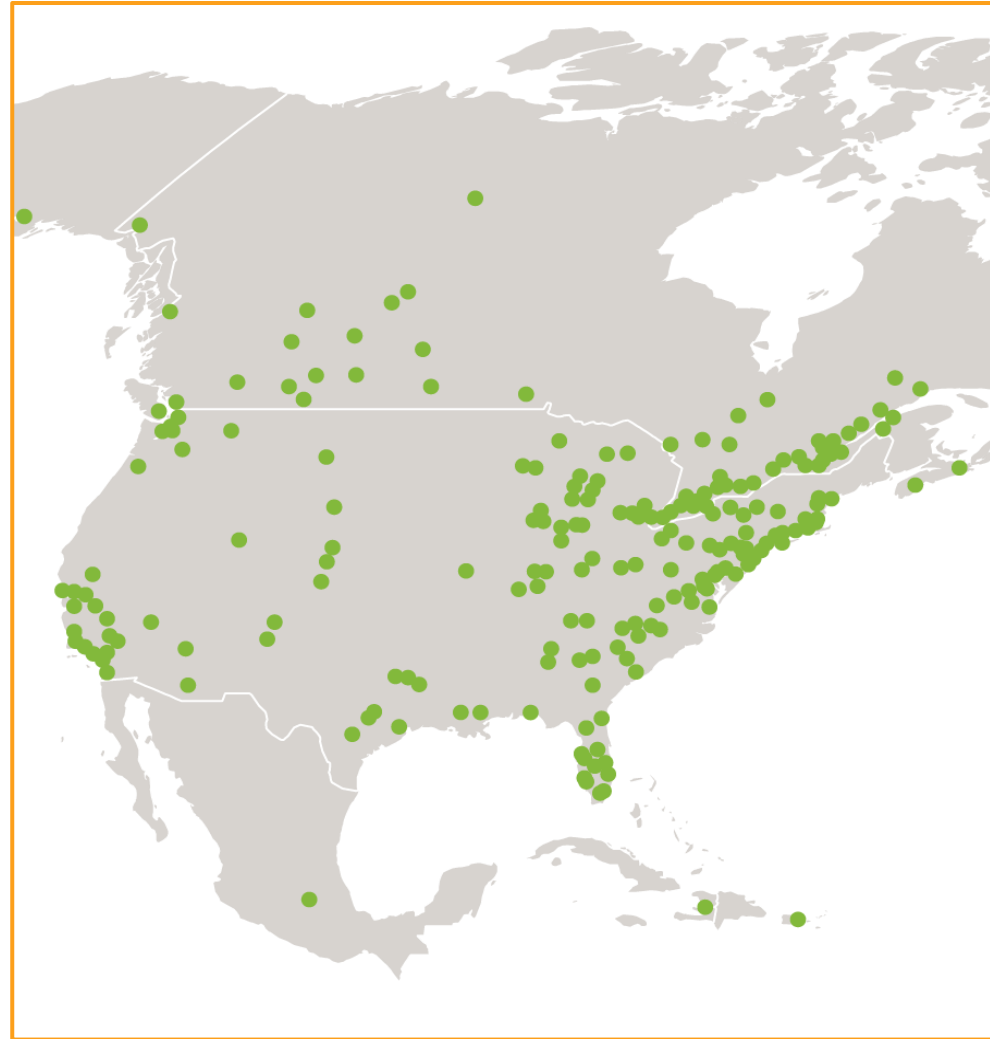


# Agenda

- A Brief Introduction to AECOM
- AECOM's Auditing Practice
- Utility and Power Generation Auditing
- Top Ten Environmental Audit Findings

# AECOM Environment Business Line

- One of the largest and most global environmental consultancies
- 5,000 staff in 25 countries –  
2,600 US staff in 47 states
  - Serving industry and government Clients
  - 60 technical and management disciplines
  - Deep knowledge of industrial processes and operations
  - Full range of environmental services
  - Streamlined contracts and business support



# Role in the U.S. Power Sector

- Oldest, most diverse, most commended client base
- 42 years of practice
- 400 clients served
- Industry advocacy
- ~1,000 experienced staff



- Full service
  - EH&S Compliance Management
  - Planning, Licensing, and Permitting
  - Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Health & Ecological Risk Assessment
  - Carbon Management
  - Carbon Capture & Sequestration
  - Coal Combustion Product Management
  - Due Diligence
  - Remediation
  - Decommissioning

# AECOM's Environmental Audit Practice



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# EHS Compliance Auditing and Management



- Leading global EHS audit practice
- 30 years of experience
- More than 300 dedicated EHS auditors
- EHS management system design, development, and implementation
- Records and information management systems
- Global network of compliance and regulatory experts
- Extensive industry and process experience

# Power Plant EHS Auditing



*Power Plants Around the World*

# Multi-Site Audit Programs for the Power Generation Industry



- Multi-year support to a corporate audit program
- More than 40 fossil-fuel, solar, facilities
- Eleven states
- Value added:
  - Audit protocols
  - Audit Program Plan
  - **On-line audit reporting system**
  - Management system assessment



# Multi-Site Audit Programs for the Power Generation Industry



- Multi-year support to a corporate audit program
- More than 30 fossil-fuel facilities
- Public utility operations
- Ten states, Puerto Rico and Mexico
- Value added:
  - Audit protocols
  - Auditor training
  - Leading and coaching in-house teams
  - On-line audit reporting system
  - Comparative evaluation of worldwide audit programs

# Multi-Site Audit Programs for the Power Generation Industry



- 60 audits of fossil, wind and hydroelectric power plants in 15 states, three Canadian provinces and Mexico
- Commended for high quality and thorough compliance auditing
- Value Added:
  - 10 years of environmental services support, including compliance auditing
  - **Provided auditor training to Suez EHS managers and in-house auditors**
  - Corporate EHS Management experience

# Multi-Site Audit Program for the Power Generation Industry



- Evaluation and prioritization of environmental and compliance risks
- 21 fossil and hydroelectric power plants
- Value Added:
  - Forward looking to evaluate the impact of future known and potential regulatory programs
  - Evaluation of costs of compliance or corrective action
  - **Priority ranking of issues**

# Constellation Energy Environmental Audit Program



- Multi-year support of the individual BGE and CPG/CNG corporate CEG Environmental Compliance Audit Programs
- More than 100 audits conducted in the US and Canada:
  - Fossil and biomass plants
  - Three nuclear power plants
  - Utility power distribution facilities
  - Local heating cooling, consumer services
- Value Added
  - Risk model development
  - Audit Protocols
  - Trend Analysis for Program Reports



# Top Ten Environmental Audit Findings





# 1. SPCC Plan Deficiencies



- Sources Missing
- Annual Review
  - Not Conducted/Missing
- PE Certification
  - Not Conducted within 6 Months of Technical Amendment
- Consistency in Inspection Procedures
  - Plan States ABC, Plant Does XYZ
- Spill Response Spill Kit
  - Description and Inspections



# SPCC Plan Deficiencies: Options



- Do it Right the First Time!
  - Start with Current Procedures
  - Know the Regulations
  - Stay Engaged
  - Keep it Simple
- Keep Plans Separate
  - Hazardous Waste
  - SWPP Plan
- Management of Change
  - 6 months for amendments
- Training & Inspection
  - Integrate and Live the Plan

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## 2. CFC Management Deficiencies



- Lack of Inventory
  - 50 lbs or greater
- Repair Records
  - Timing of leak identification
  - Timing of repair verification
- Leakage Rate Calculation: The Big Myth
  - Not Required if Leak Verified Repaired in Less Than 30 days
  - Importance of Second Bullet



# CFC Management Deficiencies: Options



- Reduce Number of Units
  - Product Substitution
  - Replace with Non-Regulated Unit
  - Eliminate/Consolidate Units
- Inventory a Must
  - Misleading Name Plates
  - All Units
- Require Accurate Contractor Records
  - Timing of leak identification
  - Timing of repair verification

# 3. Universal Waste Labeling



- Missing Label
- Wrong Language
  - Lamps, Batteries. Mercury Containing Equipment
  - Three Choices
- No Accumulation Start Date



# Universal Waste Labeling: Options

**UNIVERSAL WASTE**

GENERATOR INFORMATION (Optional)

SHIPPER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CONTENTS \_\_\_\_\_

ACCUMULATED

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- Convert to “Green” Fluorescent Bulbs
- Reduce Number of Storage Locations
- Locate Storage Areas in “Controlled” Location
- Develop Pre-Printed Labels with the Exact Language
- Include Storage Locations on Routine Inspection Program
- Re-Training and Monitoring Conformance to Procedures

# 4. Instrumentation Calibration



- Non-CEMS Control Instrumentation
  - AST Level Indicator/Alarm
  - UST Leak Detection Systems
  - Ammonia Systems (level, pressure)
  - Cooling Tower TDS
- Can be Driven by RMP, AST Regulations, UST Regulations, Air Permit
- Basic Risk Management





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# 5. Parts Degreaser Management



- Air Regulations/Air Permit
- Procedures Not Posted
- Covers Left Open
- Title V Significance



# Parts Degreaser Management: Options



- Consolidate/Eliminate Units
- Covert to Aqueous Based Solvent
- Posting of Signage at Units
- Periodic Retraining of Operators
- Supervisor Policing and Enforcement



# 6. Used Oil Management



<b>USED OIL</b>	
GENERATOR INFORMATION	
SHIPPER	_____
ADDRESS	_____
CITY, STATE, ZIP	_____
SOURCE	_____
CONTACT	_____
<b>USED OIL</b>	

- No Labels
- Certain States: Waste Oil Labels
- Certain States: Containers Left Open

# Used Oil Management: Options



<b>USED OIL</b>	
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SHIPPER	_____
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- No Easy Solutions
  - Plant-Wide Generation
  - Distributed Responsibilities
- Consolidate Storage Locations
- Availability of Labels
- Focus Responsibilities
- Signage and Training
- Supervisor Policing and Enforcement

# 7. Insignificant, Permit By Rule, Registration Status Air Sources



- Sources Identified However Supporting Records Not Maintained
  - Emergency Engines
  - Media Blasting Activities
  - NGL Tanks
- Title V Impact
  - Certification of Continuous Compliance

# Insignificant, Permit By Rule, Registration Status Air Sources



- Conduct Comprehensive Source Review
  - Title V/Title V Renewal Application
- Eliminate Sources if Possible
- Develop Program to Gather Operating Records or Supporting Data to Maintain Source Status
  - One Time Plus Ongoing

# 8. CEMS QA/QC Manual Implementation



- Manual References Missing Appendices/Attachments
- Manual Identifies Procedures for Data Checks Not Being Conducted/Conducted Differently
- Checklists/Inspection Forms in Manual Not Those being Used

Monitored Parameter	Calibration Error Requirement
SO <sub>2</sub> or NO <sub>x</sub>	≤ 5.0% of span value or ≤ 5 ppm absolute value of the difference between the monitor response and the reference value if the span value of the monitor is < 50 ppm, or ≤ 10 ppm absolute value of the difference between the monitor response and the reference value if the span value (SV) of the monitor is 50 ppm < SV < 200 ppm.
CO, or O <sub>2</sub>	≤ 1.0% CO, or O <sub>2</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> O	≤ 6.0% of the Span Value. Moisture monitor systems composed of wet and dry O <sub>2</sub> monitors must meet the O <sub>2</sub> calibration error requirement of ≤ 1.0%
Flow	≤ 6.0% of the Span Value, or ≤ 0.02 inches of water absolute value of the difference between the monitor response and the reference value if the monitor is a differential pressure type.



# CEMS QA/QC Manual

## Implementation: Options



- Institute Periodic Review and Inspection of Manual
  - Load into Maximo/Intellex type systems
- Conduct Review with CEMS Technicians
- Retrain Technicians to Manual

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# 9. Used Aerosol Can Management



- No Program/No Collection
- Program with No Inspection/Enforcement



# Used Aerosol Can Management: Options



- Develop Collection Program
  - Establish Collection Locations
  - Trade-In Program
- Assess Cost-Effectiveness
  - Manage All as Hazardous Waste
  - Install Can Puncturing Device
- Implement Inspection/Enforcement Program

# 10. Hazardous Waste Generator Status Demonstration

A yellow hazardous waste label with a red border and a red star. The label contains the following text:  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
STATE AND FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS IMPROPER DISPOSAL.  
IF FOUND, CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE OR PUBLIC SAFETY AUTHORITY, OR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL.  
GENERATOR INFORMATION:  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
EPA IDENTIFICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRY TRADING NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
EPA WASTE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CA WASTE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ACCUMULATION START DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTENTS, COMPOSITION:  
PHYSICAL STATE: ☐ SOLID ☐ LIQUID ☐ GASEOUS ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES: ☐ FLAMMABLE ☐ TOXIC ☐ CORROSIVE ☐ REACTIVE ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
DO NOT PROPER DISPOSAL, NAME AND USE OR DO NOT WITH PRETREAT  
**HANDLE WITH CARE!**

- Typically CESQG Level
  - Less Than 220 lbs per Month
- Insufficient Records
  - Not All Wastes Counted (see aerosol can problem)
  - Still Belief Manifests Alone Can be Used as Documentation
- Miss/Overlook Satellite Accumulation Areas



# Hazardous Waste Generator Status Demonstration Options



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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
EPA IDENTIFICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ RCRA/FSR TRADING NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
EPA WASTE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CA WASTE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ACCUMULATION START DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CONTENTS, COMPOSITION:

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HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES: ☐ FLAMMABLE ☐ TOXIC ☐ CORROSIVE ☐ REACTIVE ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT PROPER DISPOSAL. NAME AND DO OR DO NOT WITH PREPARE

**HANDLE WITH CARE!**



- More Comprehensive and Realistic Generation Inventory
  - Types
  - Amounts
- Eliminate/Reduce Hazardous Waste Generation
- Consolidate Satellite Accumulation Areas
- Establish Inventory System for All Waste Types and Generation Locations



## And in conclusion....

- Top 10 Audit Findings Are Generally in Lower Tier Compliance Programs (i.e. non-air programs)
- Within Those Lower Tier Programs, Labeling Requirements Are Consistently an Issue
- Maintaining SPCC Plan Compliance Presents the Greatest Challenge for Power Plants
- Plant Modifications/Changes Affect Environmental Compliance and How That Change is Managed Affects the Ability of the Plant to Minimize Audit Findings

# Questions and Answers

**Thank you for your time and  
attention**

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