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Every day, Clark Seif Clark professionals are deployed across the nation helping both large and small customers resolve health & safety, industrial hygiene, environmental and indoor air quality issues.

At a moment's notice, Clark Seif Clark can send their experts anywhere they are needed. No matter if it's in response to a hurricane, wildfire, flood, tornado or other natural disaster, Clark Seif Clark is ready to help and can respond in no time at all.

Safe + Sound Week and Protecting the Nation's Workforce from Exposure Risks

This week, Safe + Sound Week is observed across the United States. The event is described by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a nationwide event to raise awareness and understanding of the value of safety and health programs that include management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in workplaces. The theme for this year's week of recognition is *Show Your Commitment to Safety*.

Occupational safety and health programs continue to be critically important and the numbers speak for themselves. Although the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that the rate of worker deaths and reported injuries in the United States has decreased by more than 60% in the past four decades since the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act was passed, more than 4,500 workers are still killed on the job each year. Sadly, another 4.1 million suffer a serious job-related injury or illness according to BLS figures.

"In promoting Safe + Sound Week, OSHA reminds us all that fatalities and serious job-related injuries or illnesses don't just hurt workers and their families, they can hurt businesses in a variety of ways," said Zahid Iqbal, MPH, CIH and Technical Director at Clark

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Seif Clark (CSC). "There are many reasons to implement or reinvigorate safety and health programs. These programs help to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses; improve compliance with laws and regulations; reduce costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums; increase productivity and enhance overall business operations; enhance social responsibility goals; and engage workers."

CSC supports the efforts of OSHA and other agencies and organizations that are promoting Safe + Sound Week to increase awareness of the need to safeguard employees from occupational hazards. Working diligently to achieve these goals are the industrial hygiene and environmental experts at CSC who offer testing and consulting services to identify and mitigate potential chemical and biological hazards in addition to employee training, respirator fit testing and other personal protective equipment services.

CSC also recently sponsored an educational video about Safe + Sound Week that can be seen here:



Safe + Sound Week 2018

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Debris Hauling Company Sued by California City for Discharging Dust into Neighborhood

Earlier this year, the City of Oakland filed a lawsuit against a construction debris hauling company that had been the focus of concern for the municipality and people living and working near the business. According City Attorney Barbara Parker, the company has been charged with intentionally blowing dust from construction

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debris into the neighborhood, allowing contaminated water to flow into the city's storm water system and operating in violation of zoning laws.

Dust and debris from demolition projects, construction sites and waste hauling operations have the potential to contain all types of hazardous materials. In a statement released by Parker's office, she states, "West Oakland neighborhoods have suffered disproportionately from pollution in the air, soil and ground water, and that has taken a toll on the health of West Oaklanders. Children living near freeways in Oakland are hospitalized for asthma at 12 times the rate of children in Lafayette, and West Oakland residents suffer a 2.5 times greater lifetime risk of cancer compared to the Bay Area as a whole. This lawsuit is about environmental justice for West Oakland. Given the environmental threats in the neighborhood, it is unconscionable for anyone to deliberately add to this danger and potentially harm the health of children who live nearby."

"Exposure issues due to the presence of dusts contaminated with lead-based paints and asbestos-containing materials are a real threat and cases like this happen all too frequently across the entire country," said Franco Seif, President at Clark Seif Clark (CSC). "Asbestos is a typical hazard in these situations because it was used in so many building applications. Materials ranging from insulation, roofing and siding to vinyl floor tiles, cement sheets and adhesives are just a few of the many common asbestos-containing materials. Under the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule (RRP), contractors who renovate or partially demolish pre-1978 residential buildings must be lead-safe certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and use lead-safe practices. Unfortunately, this rule does not apply to the total demolition of a structure."

Identifying outdoor and indoor air quality (IAQ) pollutants in residential, commercial and institutional settings are the environmental and industrial hygiene experts at Clark Seif Clark. CSC offers comprehensive environmental quality assessments, inspections, audits, testing and monitoring services. If areas of concern are found, their professionals can recommend ways to mitigate or eliminate the issue. These services are instrumental for keeping companies in regulatory compliance with environmental as well as health and safety regulations.

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About Clark Seif Clark: CSC was established in 1989 to help clients in both the public and private sectors address environmental issues. CSC is a leading provider of these services with multiple offices along the western seaboard and southwest. The company believes in science-based protocols and has a strong background in engineering making them the preferred environmental consultants to healthcare facilities, architects, schools, builders, contractors, developers and real estate professionals.