



# Clark Seif Clark Environmental Newsletter

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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.

Employment Opportunity: Clark Seif Clark, Inc. seeks to hire an Indoor Environmental Professional (IEP)/Industrial Hygienist (IH) with lead and asbestos experience for their California operations. To submit a resume or learn more, contact [timhebert@csceng.com](mailto:timhebert@csceng.com).

## Veteran Environmental Consultant and Professional Geologist is the Newest Addition at Clark Seif Clark

Clark Seif Clark is pleased to announce that Donald "Bill" Clarke, P.G. is now part of the company's esteemed group of industry professionals. Mr. Clarke brings over three decades of combined environmental, engineering, industrial hygiene, hazardous waste, and health and safety experience to benefit Clark Seif Clark's clients.

Mr. Clarke recently joined the CSC team as a Senior Project Manager and is based out of the company's corporate headquarters in Chatsworth, California. He entered the environmental industry back in 1983 after receiving a geosciences degree from California State University, Northridge. His expansive field experience includes Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA); Preliminary Endangerment Assessments (PEA); Site Inspections (SI); Expanded Site Inspections (ESI); remedial investigations; removal action implementation and oversight, including vapor extraction and soil removal; contaminated facilities decontamination

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and demolition oversight; developing sampling and work plans, hazardous waste characterization and disposal; Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22 regulatory standards.

"It is a pleasure to have Bill join our growing team at CSC and for us to be able to offer his comprehensive expertise to our customers across the country," said Jeff Bannon, P.G., V.P. of Environmental Services at Clark Seif Clark. "Bill's professional reputation, strong work ethic and commitment to excellence merges perfectly with the core values and expectations of our company. Bill's addition to the team allows CSC to continue to expand our operations and provide our clientele with the high level of service on every project."

To learn more about Clark Seif Clark and their environmental, engineering, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene or health and safety services, please visit [www.csceng.com](http://www.csceng.com) , email [csc@csceng.com](mailto:csc@csceng.com) or call (800) 807-1118.

## Property Damage and Mold Contamination Often Left Behind Following Natural Disasters

In the past several months, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria left paths of destruction worth billions of dollars. The natural disasters destroyed or damaged tens of thousands of homes, business, schools and other properties across hundreds of square miles of the United States.

Each of these hurricanes brought with it excessive moisture, flooding and standing water. Any of these can result in the growth of mold in homes and other buildings impacted or damaged by the storm. Due to this fact and the scale to which hurricanes and other natural disasters can cause damage, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides information on the agency's website specifically warning people to be aware of mold exposure risks following these types of disasters.

The CDC reports that in flooded or water damaged properties that have experienced mold growth, people who are sensitive to mold may experience stuffy nose, irritated eyes, wheezing or skin irritation. People allergic to mold may have difficulty in breathing and shortness of breath. Those with weakened immune systems and with chronic lung diseases, such as obstructive lung disease, may develop mold infections in their lungs if exposed to certain types of mold.

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**Is It Safe?**

"Whenever returning to a home or business that has been flooded for more than a day or two, it's important to recognize that mold is likely present and may cause significant exposure concerns," said Franco Seif, President at Clark Seif Clark. "In almost all circumstances, the only way to prevent mold growth in a water damaged building is to have it thoroughly cleaned up and comprehensively dried within 24 to 48 hours. Unfortunately, following these types of events, that is almost never possible."

To help in these situations, Clark Seif Clark's building science and water damage experts provide indoor environmental quality assessments, testing and monitoring services. If mold or other microbial problems are found, CSC provides oversight and post remediation testing to ensure these issues are comprehensively addressed to protect both workers and future building occupants. Clark Seif Clark also recently sponsored an educational video about mold contamination following a natural disaster that can be seen here:



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