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Principal Consultant



Steve Raatz has over twenty years experience in the chemical and petroleum industries performing health, safety & environmental (HSE) audit training, facility contamination investigation & remediation projects, cost allocation studies at multiple-party Superfund sites, environmental incident investigations, facility siting studies, and environmental due diligence reviews associated with corporate acquisitions.

Steve began his career in the petrochemical industry in 1981 when he joined Chevron's Marketing Operations staff in San Francisco. After some initial exposure to HSE issues, he was promoted to an Environmental Specialist position in Kentucky where he developed and implemented a regional environmental compliance system, conducted plant HSE audits, and performed numerous site assessment and remediation projects. He then worked as a Senior Engineer with Chevron Chemical Company where he managed much larger site assessment and remediation projects and represented Chevron in several multiple-party Superfund cases.

In 1990, Steve transferred to Caltex Petroleum Corporation, an international subsidiary of Chevron and Texaco, based in Texas. With Caltex he expanded his experience to include refining operations. Steve developed and implemented Caltex's corporate environmental auditing program.

Steve became an environmental consultant in 1997 and has provided environmental consulting services to a number of clients including:

- Shell Group – Developed corporate environmental standards for Sakhalin Energy Investment Company, a Shell subsidiary producing offshore oil and gas in far-east Russia. Participated on faculty conducting HSE audit training in the USE, UK, Nigeria, Venezuela and Russia.
- ExxonMobil Chemical Company – Performed site inspections and regulatory agency file reviews to assess the environmental performance of ExxonMobil's third party chemical packaging and terminaling operations.
- Chevron Corporation – Performed research and developed strategies for allocation the costs at a multiple-party site remediation project.
- Petroleum Development of Oman – Developed a revised HSE Management of Contracts Procedure, including related Specifications and Guidelines.

- Caltex Services Corporation – Served as environmental representative on the due diligence team that evaluated BP's service stations in the greater Bangkok area prior to acquisition by Caltex. Developed and wrote Marketing Operations Standards for environmental activities at Caltex distribution terminals and service stations.

Steve has travelled extensively. His work includes projects located throughout the US and in the UK, Russia, Australia, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, South America and Africa. Steve is approved by Shell International Limited as a qualified trainer of HSE auditors.

Steve holds a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering (Summa Cum Laude) from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

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