

MICHAEL A RICHARDS CERTIFIED INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST

Michael A Richards, CIH, is currently contracted to provide Safety and I H Consultation services in the Southern California area for a National Worker Compensation Insurance Carrier. At Cal/OSHA for 16 years he investigated accidents/complaints, conducted comprehensive Safety and Industrial Hygiene Inspections primarily for the High Hazard Unit. He conducted I H monitoring in foundries, wood workers, food industries, recreational vehicle manufacturers, stevedoring companies, metal workers, painters, platters etc. for lead, isocyanates, copper, wood dust, silica, magnesium, welding fumes, cadmium, chromates, Indoor Air Quality, noise etc. for the purpose of measuring employee exposure levels, issue citations and determining complaint abatement of the employee exposure. He also prepared for and participated in settlement conferences and hearings as an expert witness.

In his first year at Liberty Mutual, he was the first representative in Los Angeles ever assigned an account paying a million dollars of premium. At Industrial Indemnity, he worked primarily with small contractors and computer related industries. At Travelers he worked mostly with Aerospace Industries, fast food/retail stores managed a \$10,000,000 property management account and conducted a variety of property surveys. He was the Dedicated Safety Manager and Hartford Account Manager at Harmon Industries. He has issued construction building permits at Cal-OSHA, investigated serious injuries/fatalities related to imminent hazard at constructions sites performing roofing, trenching and Asbestos Removal.

For the past 40 years he inspected or serviced all of the industries in California and probably the entire Pacific Western USA holding a variety of positions in Loss Control, I H Management and Cal/OSHA. His expertise is Worker's Compensation however he has been trained in all lines of insurance attaining a Senior Property Designation at Travelers Insurance Company. As a consultant between his Insurance career and his Cal/OSHA career he provided I H hazard recognition, evaluation and control services, wrote general safety programs, Asbestos safety training programs, a County Waste Hazard Compliance Program, conducted I H training, Forklift Training, workers compensation/property inspections and provided expert witness services. He has and will work with Small business or Fortune 500's companies for a simple survey for a single issue or a complex Safety or I H project.