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On a recent chemical transfer, Gary Shelton, Brian Birchett, & Ryan Godsey with assistance from Jonathan Keith

Three chemical transfer specialists joined MEI's emergency response team recently, Gary, Brian and Ryan are accustomed to working in tandem on hazardous waste transfers.

Transfers require very specific technical skills. These three are equipped with the knowledge, the experience, and the temperament to diffuse dangerous situations. We are confident in the team's exceptional abilities and consider them a valuable addition to our E.R. program Marion Environmental Inc. is one of the leading providers of environmental consulting, remediation, and emergency response in the southeast. Our goal is to provide cost effective solutions to environmental problems. Making *our* standard, industry standard.

#### OPEN HOUSE - PINEY FLATS, TN



On Friday, October 9, 2015, Marion held an open house at our Piney Flats location. We had customers and friends alike drop by to see the new office and equipment and enjoy some BBQ.

The Piney Flats office boasts many experienced and talented E.R. responders, and the E.R. trailer is equipped to handle almost any emergency. With yellow iron and a hi-rail guzzler, the office is positioned for fast turnkey responses. We look forward to working in this welcoming community.

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### OSHA Cites Pier 1 for Hazards at Two Texas Sites The cited violations involve forklift inspections and forklift operators' training.

(From OSHA Online)

OSHA announced Sept. 21 that is has lodged three serious and two repeat violations against Pier 1 Imports, Inc. for hazards at sites in Mansfield, TX and Fort Worth. Proposed penalties total \$86,100.

Two serious violations were cited at the retailer's Fort Worth distribution center and involved failure to ensure proper training for forklift operators and proper inspections for forklifts, while a serious violation at the Mansfield location involved damaged storage racks. The repeat violations at locations were for failing to provide forklift operator training. OSHA's announcement said it opened an inspection after being notified that an electric pallet jack had struck an employee who was subsequently hospitalized.

"Pier 1 Imports exposed workers to hazardous but preventable conditions and ultimately jeopardized the safety of their workers in doing so," said Jack Rector OSHA's area director in Fort Worth. "This complaint and report of a hospitalization have been identified continued hazards which require immediate corrective action to prevent further injuries."

It's a good reminder to keep up with forklift training and inspections. If you need forklift training at your site Marion has certified trainers. Please call Tammy Sprouse with any questions at 423-499-4919.

#### Happenings

October 27-29, Railroad Environmental Conference in Urbana-Champaign, IL Marion is hosting a booth and has key personnel attending. This conference is renowned for relevant E.R. breakout sessions.

November 18, 2015 Chattanooga Manufacturers Association Environmental, Health & Safety Summit. Marion is a gold sponsor of this informative summit. Randall Woodlee, out of our Nashville office, will be teaching a morning session on "Emergency Response: It does not start with a phone call."



Marion recently added a new hi-rail guzzler to the Chattanooga fleet. This is the second new guzzler this year for the Chattanooga office. Earlier this year, MEI also acquired a new hi-rail grapple truck further expanding our growing railroad capabilities.

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