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## New Faces at Marion and Aqua Treat



It must be true that talent attracts talent, because as MEI continues to grow, we are finding more and more quality recruits to join the team than ever before.

The latest addition to the Aqua Treat Laboratory is Tia Strickland. Tia earned a PHD in Chemistry from North Carolina State University, and has solid experience conducting the types of testing and sampling so critical to our operation. To balance her scientific side, she is also a talented stage actress with a double major in Chemistry/Theatre from Sewanee.

We are thrilled to welcome another talented chemist to our lab and are invigorated by the creative problem solving Tia exhibits on a daily basis. Welcome to the family!

#### **ER** Award:

In February, MEI received the Contractor Award for Emergency Response Preferred Provider from CSX for work performed in 2017. We appreciate and are greatly humbled by the recognition. 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.



### Billy Morton – Birmingham Office Manager

Billy is a well known environmental manager and brings a wealth of knowledge to our Birmingham office. For 16 years, he has been a leader in the ER business. He has an ease with people that his clients and his crew appreciate. He knows logistics and he knows Birmingham and we are delighted to add this talented man to our team.



### Jack Hansard - CDL Driver

Jack came to Marion with a HAZMAT endorsement and 16 years' experience on the road, and though he is our newest driver, you could easily mistake him for having spent much of those years driving for us. With his great work ethic, solid professionalism, and terrific attitude, Jack fit right in immediately. We are glad to have him at MEI.

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### Tennessee Environmental Conference - Kingsport, TN



Steve Wright, Randall Woodlee, Mike James, Barry Lasley

The TN Environmental Conference in Kingsport, TN held on March 12-14 was a productive and informative meeting once again this year. Barry Lasley, Steve Wright and Mike James manned the Marion booth and enjoyed reconnecting with industry leaders.

### Clean Waterways Conference - St. Louis, MO



Sam Taylor, Drew Thomason, Mike James

Happenings May 16-18 Environmental Show of the South, Chattanooga, TN

### Safety Tip - SCAFFOLDS

1. Never climb a span scaffold that does not have at least two diagonal braces and one horizontal brace properly installed in the bottom section.

2. Lock all caster brakes before climbing the scaffold.

3. Never move a scaffold with someone or something on it.

4. If in doubt as to the ability of a scaffold to handle a job, call the manufacturer for instruction.

5. Never use a scaffold that is damaged or improperly erected. Do not force parts that do not fit freely.

6. Be sure the scaffold is level at all times. When the leg is adjusted, be sure to push the locking collar completely over the expanding nut and below the safety locks. Never make leg adjustments when anyone is on the scaffold.

7. Never lean a ladder against a scaffold. Never place a ladder on the platform of a scaffold. Never push or pull or lean against a wall or ceiling when standing or sitting on a scaffold, unless it is securely tied to the building.

8. Never try to stretch the platform height with the adjustable legs. When additional height is required, add more scaffold sections. Save the leg adjustment for leveling the scaffold.
9. Metal scaffold must never be used while working near electricity, electrical wires or electrical equipment, even for changing light bulbs. Shut off power first if the scaffold must be used in such locations. Electricity is conducted by metal. Look up and look out for power lines.

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