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### Marion News Award



Hannah Lechleiter and Ryan Godsey

Congratulations to Hannah for winning the Hazardous Materials Managers
Award of Excellence from CSX.

Hannah is an exemplary employee who masters any task that comes her way. The intricacies of hazardous waste management are complex and can be daunting, but Hannah is equal to the challenge.

Besides her intellectual acuity, Hannah is a very nice person, calm and capable, a delight to be around, a definitely deserving award winner in every way.

### **Marion News**

Safety Trains
Preparedness translates into Safety



Safety trains are a railroad tradition. The specially equipped training cars go from town to town and railroad specialists teach local first responders to act quickly in the case of derailment. After two years of COVID restrictions, limiting the number of group events, we are seeing a flurry of safety trains.

Many of our railroad specialists teach classes. Although it is a huge time commitment, we are happy to support these hands on classes. First responders learn about the unique qualities of railroad equipment and learn mitigation solutions unique to railroad incidents. The local fire department will be in the first response positions and timely action can minimize the impact of an event.

Safety awareness from the outset of an incident helps protect everyone in the community. We are proud to be a part of this valuable community service.

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### **Marion News**

#### **Clean Waterways Conference**

In the picture below are: (Back Row) Barry Lasley, Dave Fentress, Mike James (Front Row) Jack Bailie, and Andy Bailie.



**Group Photo** 

Recently, Mike James and Barry Lasley manned our booth in Pittsburgh at the Clean Waterways Conference. Jack Bailie and his son Andy Bailie were also there to meet and greet. Jack lives in Pittsburg and has been the foundation for Marion projects emanating from Pittsburg. He is well known and respected in the established haz-mat community. A highlight of the conference was a class given by Jon Wickersham (Colonial Pipeline) where he mentioned Marion in his presentation. We were flattered by the recognition.

We want to thank all of our representatives for enthusiastically presenting Marion to our northern clients. It is so exciting that people can meet at conferences again. Marion plans to participate in many more conferences in the coming months.

### Safety Tip – Active Learning

An important adult learning principle is active learning. (Adult learning principles are things that make adults more likely to learn). The idea of active learning is that people don't learn by passively sitting and listening to a lecture. Instead, they learn when they're being active.

Active learning can mean leading the training session themselves, actively participating in a Q&A session, sharing their thoughts and experiences, or performing hands-on training.

If you design training knowing that it's important for the workers to be active participants, they'll get more out of it and you'll have a safer work place.



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