



Jim Gress

Director, environmental, health & safety

Jim Gress has broad experience with projects in site characterization and remediation; waste characterization, transportation and disposal; safety program development; worker training; data management and corporate-level regulatory policy and program development. During his more than 25 years in the hazardous waste industry, he has worked in project management, site supervision, training, data management, technical writing and public relations.

Education

Masters of applied communication theory and methodology,
Cleveland State University, 2000
Bachelors of arts, communication, Cleveland State University, 1994

Professional work history

Director, EHS, EMS Inc.: 2008-present
Senior project manager, EMS Inc.: 2004-2008
Environmental scientist, Government Affairs Specialists,
Ross Environmental Services, Inc.: 1994-2004
Project coordinator, Cleveland Fluid Systems Co.: 1987-1992

Training and certifications

40-hour HAZWOPER training (29 CFR 1910.120)
Eight-hour HAZWOPER refresher training
RCRA hazardous waste management training (40 CFR 265.16)
DOT hazardous material training (49 CFR 172)
Confined space entry training (29 CFR 1910.146)
Current medical surveillance documentation
Fit tested for respirator use
American Red Cross CPR and first aid

Professional experience

Health and safety compliance

- Manages EMS regulatory compliance and EH&S programs, serves as health and safety officer for industrial and environmental projects.
- Manages regulatory compliance and training services to clients in a variety of EH&S disciplines, including RCRA, DOT and OSHA
- Provides community relations and environmental risk and crisis communication when necessary to a variety of audiences.
- Provides compliance training to company personnel and clients.

Regulatory analysis

- Led development and implementation of state and federal regulatory and legislative strategies for hazardous waste management firm. Provided analyses, research and coordination support to strategic business and regulatory program implementation projects. Managed in-house environmental program projects including ground water monitoring, corrective action, RCRA closure and permit revisions.



"It is very important that our contractors follow strict regulatory guidelines and provide professional and quick service, which we get every time from EMS. I feel at ease knowing the EMS team is a phone call away to help ensure the safety of all involved."

— Environmental manager — The Ohio State University