



# Strategies for IH Monitoring of Contractors

A Perspective On How Things Have Changed



# 25 Year Perspective



- 1982 Contractors were:
  - Very specialized; represented skill set outside full time staff
  - On site for 30 days or less
  - Generally self contained units:
    - Specialized self directed contributors (ex. Auditors)
    - Fully contained crews (ex. Structural/Mechanical Contractors)
  - Generally less than 20% site population
- 2007 Contractors:
  - May augment skill set present; flex for major projects
  - On site for 30 days or more
  - May or may be not be self contained units:
    - Contributors reporting to company sponsor (ex. Design engineer, Fab operator)
    - “Resident” trade/crafts crews (ex. Electrical/Mechanical Contractors)
  - May represent more than 20% site population

# Monitoring Challenge



- Purpose of IH Monitoring
  - Determine exposure risk potential
  - Determine continued effectiveness of controls
  - Determine compliance
- Are You Obligated to Monitor Contractors?
  - Possibly
- Should You Monitor Contractors or Their Work Areas?
  - Probably, because you control the general work environment
  - Probably, because if you don't they might
  - Probably, because you want to own the data

# What's the Strategy?



- Spell Out Who Performs IH Monitoring
  - Site Program
  - Contract Language
  - Contractor Orientation
  
- Communicate Results and Actions
  - Individual Results and Actions to Contractor Company
  - General Results and Actions for Area to Effected Contractor Company



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