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**RICHARD J. LEVIN, CIH**

## **SUMMARY**

Mr. Levin is a Certified Industrial Hygienist with over forty years of environmental health experience. Over the years Mr. Levin has worked on matters for both private organizations and government agencies that required comprehensive knowledge of hazards associated with a wide spectrum of hazardous materials and processes. His areas of expertise include but is not limited to microbial contamination, asbestos management, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, ventilation, occupational noise, lead-based paint and regulatory compliance.

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science in Environmental Science - Drexel University; 1980  
H.E.W. Traineeship in Environmental Health

Bachelor's in Biology - Temple University; 1976 (magna cum laude)

## **REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

ABIH Certification by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene in Comprehensive Practice (Certification No. 2530).

US EPA-Accredited and Pennsylvania-licensed Asbestos Building Inspector and Management Planner

City of Philadelphia-licensed Asbestos Investigator

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Industrial Hygiene Association Philadelphia Section

- President - (2018-19)
- Vice-President - (2017-18)
- Director - (2014-17, 2019-21)

City of Philadelphia - Working Committee on Asbestos Control Regulations

## **CAREER HISTORY**

### **FORCON International – Industrial Hygienist**

Providing forensic investigation analysis and expert witness services as it relates to his fields of expertise, including asbestos, mold, combustion by-products, chemical contamination, lead-based paint, and general indoor air quality. Combustion by-products assessments are performed for identifying the source of visible soot and combustion residues.

### **Environmental Matters, Inc. – Principal Consultant**

Provide environmental consulting services regarding microbial contamination, combustion by-products, asbestos management, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, ventilation, occupational noise, lead-based paint and regulatory compliance. Provide expert support, reports and testimony in litigation matters in these areas. Maintain equipment for air and surface contamination sampling and real time measurements. Experienced in catastrophic events, large claims and mitigation response. Conduct hazard communication, asbestos, and lead training courses. Offer an extensive resource of professional affiliates.

### **Galson Corporation – Manager, Philadelphia Regional Office**

Managed the Philadelphia Regional Office of this national environmental consulting firm. This included all technical, administrative, and fiscal matters. Workload of office included asbestos management, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, environmental investigation, occupational noise, and ambient air projects. Staff size ranged from 10 to 15

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employees. Also directed an AIHA-accredited asbestos laboratory. Provided technical project consultation for all indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, and asbestos projects. Performed field work on projects requiring the expertise of a Certified Industrial Hygienist. Prepared proposals and marketed services.

## **Galson Corporation – Senior Industrial Hygienist**

Managed all the field activities of the office. Scheduled all work and was the project manager for the larger, more technical projects. Performed industrial hygiene surveys and audits. Also conducted asbestos inspections, design document preparation, and environmental quality assurance monitoring.

## **Kaselaan and D'Angelo Associates, Inc. – Director of Industrial Hygiene**

Directed and managed the industrial hygiene program for this environmental consulting firm. Was responsible for the quality assurance of the technical activities of a 20 person industrial hygiene staff. Also directed the quality control program of the AIHA-accredited asbestos analytical laboratory. Conducted comprehensive asbestos and industrial hygiene surveys. Accomplishments include the improvement of field and laboratory quality procedures and elevating the professional level of asbestos and industrial hygiene services.

## **Fireman's Fund Insurance Companies – Industrial Hygienist**

Primary responsibility was to conduct industrial hygiene and occupational noise consultations for commercial accounts within Middle Atlantic states with the dual purpose of providing service to insureds while evaluating and improving the risk for underwriters. Periodically trained "Loss Control" technicians in five branch offices on the recognition of occupational health hazards. Also trained selected technicians to perform and report routine noise surveys and taught in-house courses on environmental pollution and liability.

## **Nicolet, Incorporated – Industrial Hygienist**

Coordinated all phases of industrial hygiene, occupational noise, and safety within two asbestos products manufacturing plants. Conducted industrial hygiene surveys. Managed an OSHA-mandated exposure monitoring program, including inhouse analysis, and the medical monitoring program. Established and maintained effective, workable respiratory protection program. Was corporate liaison with environmental regulatory agencies. Developed product safety documents. Conducted safety inspections.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*"Asbestos-Containing Drywall Joint Compound: An Overlooked Suspect Material,"* R. Levin, CIH and E. Kashdan, PE; National Asbestos Council Conference, 1990 and American Industrial Hygiene Conference, 1992.

*"Clearing the Air on Negative Pressure Enclosures in Asbestos Abatement Work Areas,"* E. Kashdan, PE and R. Levin, CIH; Asbestos Abatement, Sep./Oct. 1990 (journal of the Asbestos Abatement Council – Association of the Wall & Ceiling Industry – International)

*"Pleural Plaques and Cigarette Smoking in Asbestos Workers,"* W. Weiss, MD, R. Levin, MS, and L. Goodman, MD, Journal of Occupational Medicine 23:427-430, 1981.