

# **Managing Environmental Safety and Health (MESH) System at SUNY Brockport**

## **Presenter(s)**

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## **Abstract Text**

Managing environmental, health and safety in an academic environment poses unique challenges to the EHS professional. This presentation focuses on basic techniques to gain management support, building on existing programs without reinventing the wheel, and specific improvements that SUNY Brockport has made in implementing a system of managing environmental, safety, and health (MESH).

## **Presenter Bio(s)**

### **David P. Turkow, Director of Environmental Health and Safety – SUNY Brockport**

Dave has been the Director of Environmental Health and Safety at SUNY Brockport since 2001. Prior to that, he was the Senior Environmental Health Specialist and Radiation Safety Officer at the Rochester Institute for Technology (RIT) for 12 years. Previous to RIT, Dave worked for the Orleans County Health Department as a Public Health Sanitarian for 14 years.

Dave attended SUNY Brockport from 1969 until 1972 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education. Dave earned his Masters in Public Administration from SUNY Brockport in 1988 and completed his Masters Degree in Environmental Health and Safety Management from RIT in 2001. Dave was the co-captain of the SUNY Brockport football team ('72) and now works on the "Chain Gang" at the Golden Eagles home football games.

Dave has over 30 years of experience in the field of environmental health and safety including areas such as spill response, lab safety, radiation safety, laser safety, occupational health and industrial hygiene. He is a member of the SUNY Environmental Health and Safety Association (SEHSA) and several other professional organizations.