

# **“A Small College’s Voluntary Environmental Audit Experience”**

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In February 2006, Saint Mary’s College underwent a voluntary comprehensive environmental health and safety audit. Since receiving the results of the audit, the college has prioritized the findings contained therein and is in a continuing process of acting on the recommendations. This presentation shares the experiences of a small, liberal arts college’s ongoing attempt to address various environmental and safety issues.

## ***Outline of Presentation:***

### ***I. Background***

- Introduction to Saint Mary’s College (SMC)
- Formation of Environmental Compliance Council
- Selection of audit firm
- Objectives of voluntary audit

### ***II. SMC and Congregational Issues***

- Facilities are physically adjacent and have close corporate connection
- SMC and congregation could be considered as single “source” for purposes of compliance with air regulations
- SMC and congregation could be considered as single “source” under oil SPCC

### ***III. Facilities issues***

- Areas in substantial compliance/no violations
- Areas needing improved training/record keeping
- Other regulated areas and issues (air, SWDA, UIC, lead paint, used oil)

### ***IV. Hazardous waste related issues***

- SMC is SQG
- Hazardous Waste Determinations
- Accumulated Materials
- SAA, Storage Areas and Hazard Communication Training

### ***V. Accomplishments of past year***

- Facilities perspective
- Fire/Safety perspective
- Department of Chemistry perspective

### ***VI. Goals for coming year***

- Facilities perspective
- Fire/Safety perspective

- Department of Chemistry perspective