



Environmental Contractors Association to host seminar on infectious disease liability in healthcare institutions

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The Environmental Contractors Association (ECA) will be hosting a special discussion on Avoiding Infectious Disease Liability Without Raising Costs in Healthcare Institutions on Thursday, May 24, 2012. The event will take place at the Sheraton New York, located at 811 Seventh Ave. (at 53rd St.) and will begin at 8 a.m.

The event will feature a panel of top experts including Gary DiPaolo of Structure Tone, Inc., Douglas Glorie, P.E., of STV Incorporated, Denise Holzka of Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP, Morris Napolitano of Degmor, Inc and Uday Singh of Industrial Hygiene Consultants.

The potential for the spread of infectious diseases is a paramount concern for healthcare professionals and administrators. Many institutions believe that taking extra steps to ensure a safe, clean environment for the treatment and recovery of patients can be expensive. This discussion will address ways to improve the safety of these critical environments without overspending.

Topics of discussion will include prevention of the spread of infectious disease and environmental remediation concerns in healthcare facilities, regulation of remediation protocols, certification for remediation professionals, innovative technologies, best practices and risk management for healthcare professionals and facilities.

The discussion is part of the ECA's new communications campaign aimed at raising standards for the environmental remediation industry and for all contractors conducting infectious disease mitigation work at healthcare facilities. To achieve this goal, the ECA has invested over \$10 million in training for ECA member contractors and has been working with city, state and federal government agencies to develop remediation legislation to regulate emergency response and infectious disease control. The ECA has also launched a groundbreaking Labor-Management Safety Compliance initiative including training by the Mason Tenders Training Fund.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Joyce Nastasi at joyeca@earthlink.net or (212) 682-0062.

About the Environmental Contractors Association (ECA)

The Environmental Contractors Association (ECA) is New York's premier trade association of environmental contractors. The ECA has grown from just a handful of contractors in 1996 to over fifty member firms today that specialize in hazardous materials removal, emergency response, asbestos removal and infectious detection and clean-up among other environmental services. The ECA works with a wide range of clients and has built a strong reputation through partnerships with public agencies that shape environmental policy. For more information about the ECA and its services, visit www.ecanyc.org or contact Joyce Nastasi at (212) 682-0062 or via e-mail at joyeca@earthlink.net.