

Sarath Seneviratne

Served as an Occupational Safety Health Manager for 20 plus years. Solid understanding of all safety and occupational health needs. Specialties include industrial hygiene, safety, biological, chemical and food safety. Experienced in emergency response plans, bioterrorism response plans, industrial hygiene, environmental and safety audits. Excellent communication skills, work independently, and team player.

Presently I am the Brach Chief for Safety and Physical Security with Office of Management, FSIS/USDA. I supervise Safety personnel as well as Physical Security personnel. I have developed a solid understanding of all safety and occupational health needs as well as physical security criteria.

My specialties include, Industrial Hygiene, biological/chemical, general safety and physical security. My academic credentials include a MS in Environmental Toxicology and a BS in Microbiology (Honors). I am a Diplomate of the American Academy of Sanitarians and a Registered Environmental Sanitarian (REHS) with the State of Maryland and the National Environmental Health Association. I hold six additional safety professional certifications, including as a, Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) , Certified Environmental, Safety & Health Trainer (CET), CBSP (Certified Biological Safety Professional), a RBP (Registered Biosafety Professional), License Environmental Health Safety, (LEHS) and Registered Environmental Health Safety (REHS).

I have also completed training in Chemical Warfare and Emergency Management, Bioterrorism and Homeland Security, in Nuclear, Radiation, and High Yield Explosives, in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives Operator/Response, and in Hazardous Materials Transportation.

I was a USPHS commissioned officer Regular Corps, holding the rank of Captain. Past assignments include a detail to Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA to assist with a bioterrorism response plan and conducted a number of environmental/safety audits at various facilities throughout the US. I have participated in many Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) deployments. My supervisory experience includes leadership of detention center audit teams while working with INS, as a special advisor to USDA for its emergency response teams, and my leadership of the environmental teams while deployed to Panama, Guatemala, and El Salvador with the USNS Comfort.

Prior to the Commissioned Corps I was with the US Army assigned to Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (Defense Nuclear Agency). I was the HAZMAT Advisor for the Emergency Response Team. I was in the U.S. Army for a total of five years and advanced from Private to Captain, where I developed strong management skills by leading platoons of 40 soldiers.

I have excellent communication skills. I am a team player and work independently. I have experience in teaching, supervising, and training which has provided me with valuable experience in communication and interaction with agency employees. I believe these skills helped me to be flexible and independent under pressure in a variety of situations, both domestically and abroad.