

SCM TRAINS NIGERIAN DELEGATION. NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2009.

Working with OJI Environmental Services of Rancho Cucamonga, California, after months of working to coordinate schedules and visas, the SCM team provided training to a group of dignitaries from the country of Nigeria. Among those who received the training were representatives from various governmental ministries in Nigeria such as representatives from the National Emergency Management Agency and the Oyo State Ministry of Environment & Water Resources. One of the goals of the training was to help the group better understand the issues associated with hazardous materials and wastes and how the proper handling of these materials not only protects the employee, but the public as well.

The week ended with the group receiving a training program on the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) presented by Paul Gantt. Paul presented this session to the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Professional Development Conferences in New Orleans and Seattle. Paul was encouraged by the level of interest expressed by the group in hearing about the system, as they learned how to effectively manage emergencies. The group especially showed a strong background in the concepts and easily applied them to various simulated incidents that were discussed in the training.

On Thursday night, December 3, 2009, the group met for a special celebration dinner on where the SCM Instructor Team was treated to traditional Nigerian food. As primary instructor for the week of training, Ron Gantt was ceremoniously presented with a Nigerian Chief's robe, and Paul Gantt was given a King's hat.

In addition to receiving training by the SCM team, the group also toured the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. And members of the management team also met with representatives from the Nigerians in the Diaspora Professionals Engaged in Environmental Planning, Engineering and Management Fields and the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce from Beverly Hills, CA.