

SCS ENGINEERS

Environmental Consultants and Contractors

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I was given responsibility for our environmental program in 1987. I had no experience or training in environmental issues. It appeared to be a daunting task and it worried me. Was I up to the task? What if I made a mistake that cost my company financially and in terms of our reputation? Could I personally be held liable? Many troublesome thoughts went through my mind until I came up with a simple plan/direction for myself; do the right thing and all the details will work themselves out. If I always kept “what’s good for the environment” as my guide, I believed I would be successful.

I’ve been fortunate through the years in developing relationships with people that could help me. I reached out to the regulatory agencies for help and advice. They were always very helpful to me, as they understood my goal of trying to do the right thing. Because of this goal, they several times overlooked the “clerical errors,” as they knew I wasn’t trying to shirk our responsibilities; just trying to do what’s right.

Over the years, I’ve needed to reach out for help from environmental services firms. There were just some issues/projects I couldn’t work through by myself; even with help from the regulatory agencies. I’ve worked with several companies including SCS. For the most part, all of the companies I’ve worked with were professional and “knew their stuff.” What has always set SCS apart from the rest is they understand me and they understand my basic goal; do the right thing environmentally.

With some companies that I’ve worked with, it appeared working with regulatory agencies was a game; an adversary to be beaten. If enough time and energy were spent, the agency could be proven wrong and their client wins. Don’t misunderstand. It’s also my job to make sure the best interests of my company are protected. We are a small company that needs to watch its expenditures. Nonetheless, we will spend what’s necessary to do the right thing and be a good environmental neighbor.

SCS understands this. They too have developed strong relationships with the regulatory agencies and understand my goal of maintaining these relationships. SCS is willing to help us solve issues by doing the right things and not be adversarial. I’m sure there have been times when the path we have chosen was more expensive but we felt it was the right path. SCS has always been supportive of our desires.

After 30+ years of handling our environmental responsibilities, this is still my goal and my guide. With SCS’s help, I know we’ve been true to this goal. I’ve never lost any sleep because I was worried SCS might be going in a different direction from our wishes. They understand their clients and their goals. That’s what sets them apart.

—Gene Fahrney, Baker Manufacturing Co. | Evansville, WI