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Economic Hard Times Equals Compliance Hard Times for Industrial Sector . . . Regulations Continue to be Written and Enforced.

THE LION GROUP LLC (**TLG**) provides this <u>Newsletter</u> as complimentary regulatory information to our clients, resources, and associates.

TLG has clients in various sectors within the private industry. Some of our clients are struggling to maintain a level of acceptable compliance because of costs and more stringent regulations. Sometimes we find that some are electing to "role the dice" and hope that their short comings will not be noted. If we know this, then you can rest assured that the regulatory authorities know of this possibility. All sides of the equation are impacted by the current economic business atmosphere. A large number of businesses are experiencing a very tough time.

It is a tough call to endeavor to maintain processes, equipment, and the right number of dedicated resources, and absorb the costs related to compliance. Especially when the market place is soft and competition is extremely tough. TLG has gained a number of new clients because of the past compliance decisions. Those decisions typically were made without a fair assessment of the costs versus consequences.

Compliance is a business decision and should be included in every decision made whether you are expanding, downsizing, or closing. The worst compliance issues are typically made simply because a business decides they are not really affected by a regulation, or they decide to remain uninformed as to their respective liability.



Do not bury your head in the sand and expect that a regulatory agency will be empathetic to your business problems. Regulations and laws are written and enforced in a very objective atmosphere, and needs to know how they stand against the

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What TLG has to offer o o o

TLG Energy Services Team is in the process of ramping up to satisfy a growing demand for sampling (air, liquids, solids) relative to energy production sites, oil and gas, as well as midstream operations. TLG has performed over 400 assessments for clients in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Recently, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) made the most significant changes to the regulations concerning oil and natural gas production facilities and handling facilities operating within the State of Texas. The major initial impact of these changes will be felt for operations which are currently and will be operating within 23 counties located in North Texas. The regulations are referred to as the Permit by Rule (PBR) and the Standard Permit. Information specific to the changes are readily available from the TCEQ and for numerous resources that have an interest in the Oil and Gas industries. The PBR and Standard Permit requirements have gone into effect as of April 1, 2011. These changes have a dramatic effect on most operations located in 23 counties known as the Barnett Shale. TLG Energy Services Team began monitoring these changes as early as 2008, and has ramped up a number of services designed to assist our Energy Clients in all aspects of their respective operations. Some of our Energy Clients have selected TLG to assist their dedicated internal resources who are focused on the regulatory requirements. Other Energy Clients have selected TLG to provide complete management of the regulatory affairs related to the new requirements. TLG Energy Services Team provides services to each Energy Client according to their needs in whatever methodology is desired. The following is a list of only a few of the services ready for you and your organization:

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Site / Operation Assessments

- **Emission Monitoring** •
- Sampling as required (Soil, Liquids, Gases, Air)
- Leak / Process Equipment Detection
- Equipment / Process Documentation
 - o Equipment / Valve Inventories
 - Photographic Documentation
 - Site Drawings / Description
- Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan (SPCC)
- Start-up / Shutdown Documentation / Procedures
- Site Compliance Audits

Employee / Subcontractor Training

Training can be provided at a client's site or at TLG Professional Training Academy located in Fort Worth, Texas.

It would be our pleasure to discuss how the new regulations may affect your company, your potential needs, and how TLG may be of assistance. Contact TLG for more 817.731.4141 information or email us at mail@theliongroupllc.com.

TLG Industrial / Energy Sector Sampling **Technologies** – TLG has increased the number of clients in wastewater and storm water sampling. The sampling events are process related or compliance driven. Storm water sampling includes rainfall reporting and completed discharge monitoring reports (DMR) required for regulatory submission. Energy related sampling includes air, liquids, soils and site assessments documenting the state of compliance and maintenance at pad sites as well as tank batteries. Sampling on well sites is recommended pre, during operational and post operational occasions as well as after changes or maintenance operations to establish well impacts on a site or lease area. TLG prides itself on being the gold standard in a sampling services firm and is recognized by a number of regulatory agencies for our professionalism and capabilities. Contact TLG for more 817.731.4141 email information or us at mail@theliongroupllc.com.

TLG Regulatory Services - The regulatory team has been busy working currently for various clients in response to regulatory submissions or responses to various environmental challenges. Some of our clients include businesses related to energy production, midstream and distribution, metal fabrication and finishing, food products and beverages, construction, mining, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and specialized waste treatment. Included in the tasks are a number of GAP assessments as well as formal audits. TLG regulatory services teams consists of professionals who are experienced in dealing with federal, state, local, municipality agencies. Contact TLG for more information 817.731.4141 or email us at mail@theliongroupllc.com.

TLG Institute for Professional Education – offers an Environmental, Employee Health & Safety training venue that provides comprehensive training for businesses and professional groups. These courses are offered at reduced prices to our clients, regulatory agencies, and professional associations.

TLG has conducted a number of training sessions / courses / workshops. Recently TLG has trained professionals in the areas of proper sampling protocols, and documentation. Other recent courses have been in first aid, construction safety, new environmental regulations and their respective impacts. Courses are instructed by professionals who have actual in-the-field / on-the-job experience with a history of impeccable credentials. TLG offers these training courses at its Fort Worth, Texas training facility, or the training courses may be held at the location of choice. Contact TLG for information 817.731.4141 more or email us at mail@theliongroupllc.com.



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