

CHRISTOPHER S. GATES, CAC

EDUCATION

Northern Arizona University – B.S. in Environmental Science, 1999

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

- Cal/OSHA Certified Asbestos Consultant
- CAL/OSHA approved AHERA trainer
- EPA-approved Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) instructor
- AHERA Building Inspector, Project Designer, Management Planner, and Contractor/Supervisor
- NIOSH 582 Equivalency certified

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019 to present – Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona, Senior Industrial Hygienist
2018 to 2019 – CBRE, Phoenix, Arizona, Director of Industrial Hygiene
2014 to 2018 – MC Consultants, Phoenix, Arizona, National Programs Director
2008 to 2014 – The Asbestos Institute, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona, Associate Director
2004 to 2008 – City of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, Environmental Quality Specialist
2000 to 2004 – Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, Asbestos NESHAP Coordinator

AFFILIATIONS

Environmental Information Association – Director, past president
American Industrial Hygiene Association – Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Gates has over 24 years of experience providing environmental and industrial hygiene, hazardous materials abatement, and demolition consulting services, with specialized expertise in asbestos, lead, mold, and indoor air quality (IAQ). He oversees the daily operations of SME's Phoenix, AZ, office and is the principal Industrial Hygienist for the Southwest Region. Mr. Gates manages and conducts Industrial Hygiene (IH) field investigations including IAQ assessments; asbestos, mold, silica and fungal surveys; and Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) evaluations. He trains, directs, and oversees IH field staff and is responsible for compliance to ensure that regulatory, client, and SME standards are applied to all projects and deliverables.

Mr. Gates's experience includes the following:

- Manages a team of environmental/Industrial Hygiene professionals conducting a variety of projects throughout the Southwest.
- Leading EHS programs, including certification training, development of manuals, field inspections, and reporting;
- Managing inspection and abatement activities for asbestos, lead, and mold of large commercial, healthcare, military, and industrial sites throughout the U.S.;
- Overseeing complex environmental projects, including the construction of Phoenix's Light Rail System; abatement and demolition of the former Phoenix, AZ, convention center; and renovation and demolition projects at Sky Harbor International Airport;
- Conducting EHS field operations, such as industrial hygiene and chemical surveys, safety surveys, indoor air quality investigations, asbestos inspections, lead surveys, and microbial investigations in healthcare, industrial and commercial facilities; and
- Providing expert witness and research services on asbestos legal cases and asbestos regulations.