



**Dianne Grote Adams, MS, CIH, CSP, CPEA, FAIHA**

Dianne Grote Adams is a Board-Certified Industrial Hygienist, Board-Certified Safety Professional and Certified Professional Environmental Auditor in Health and Safety with more than 35 years of experience.

Dianne has comprehensive environmental, safety and industrial hygiene experience. She has conducted audits, trained management and ES&H professionals, coached ES&H staff and mentored other women business owners. Her recent audit experience includes contractors, engineering consulting firms, manufacturers and distribution centers.

During her career, she has conducted or supervised hundreds of industrial hygiene and indoor air quality surveys, written and reviewed compliance programs, and developed and presented hundreds of employee and management training courses, webinars and workshops. Dianne has presented monthly ESH webinars for the Ohio Manufacturer's Association for the past three years and the Safex monthly webinars for the past two years. She has spoken at the BWC All Ohio Safety Congress on multiple occasions, as well as at the Capital Area Safety Council and the Greater Columbus Safety Council. She has been a key instructor for the AIHA's Fundamental of Industrial Hygiene and Beyond Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene since 1999.

Dianne is active in the professional community. In 2013, she began a four-year term on the Board of Cristo Rey Columbus. Dianne will serve on the AIHA Conference Program Committee from 2016 through 2019. Dianne completed a three-year term as a member of the AIHA Board of Directors in 2014; during that time, she served on the Finance Committee and the Executive Development Committee. Dianne is a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), American Academy of Industrial Hygiene (AAIH) and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Prior to her current volunteer activities, Dianne was on the Ohio State University Environmental Health Science Advisory Board, the advisory committee for the Ohio University Industrial Hygiene Program, the Otterbein Alumni Council, the AIHA Local Section Council, the AIHA PSTFII Task Force, the All-Ohio Safety Congress and the Central Ohio AIHA.

Dianne was recognized as the Distinguished Fellow Award by the AIHA in 2017. She was a finalist for the 2015 NAWBO Columbus Visionary Award. In 2014, Safex was awarded the Conway Family Business Center Community Engagement Award. In 2013, Safex received the Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service. In 2010, Dianne received the "Ohio Keys to Success Award" sponsored by the Ohio Department of Development's Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division. In 2007, Dianne was the proud recipient of the Builders Exchange "Meg DeWorth Industry Impact Safety Award." In 2005, she was one of five "Change Makers" to premiere in the June Columbus Business First Women in Business Supplement. Dianne received the Central Ohio Local Section of the AIHA "Industrial Hygiene Award of Excellence" in 2003 and the "Outstanding Industrial

Hygiene Award" in 1992, In 2002, she was a finalist for the Ernst and Young "Entrepreneur of the Year". She was named to the Business First "40 Under 40" Business Leaders in 1993.

Since 1992, Dianne has been the President of Safex. Prior to Safex, Dianne worked with Abbott/Ross Laboratories, ChemLawn Services Corporation and with the Ohio OSHA Consultation Program. Dianne was an adjunct professor at Columbus State Community College from 2008-2010.

Dianne received a BA in Life Science from Otterbein University and a MS in Environmental Health/Occupational Safety from the University of Cincinnati.