

Andrew Jenkins

Bsc (Hons) LFOH

Occupational Hygienist

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

I am an Occupational Hygienist with over 32 years of experience in heavy industry. My experience has involved surveying a wide range of chemical and physical hazards, covering a multitude of processing plants and manufacturing scenarios.

My particular areas of speciality are asbestos, noise and vibration, thermal environment and volatile organic compounds. My work with asbestos has included surveying buildings for asbestos-containing materials, laboratory identification of asbestos types, evaluating exposures for comparison with published standards and clearance/reassurance monitoring for post-removal reoccupation purposes.

I am currently engaged as an expert witness where I assist the Courts by providing an informed opinion in cases where adverse health is alleged as arising from occupational exposure. I remain active in the field of Occupational Hygiene by maintaining professional development and by supporting Pragma's consultancy services.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- BSc (Hons) Chemistry (1994)
- Higher National Certificate Chemistry (1991)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- BOHS Certificate of Operational Competence in Occupational Hygiene (1997)
- BOHS P401 Asbestos Identification in Bulk Samples
- BOHS P402 Asbestos Surveying and Sampling Strategies in Buildings
- BOHS P403 Asbestos Fibre Counting and Sampling Strategies
- BOHS P404 Air Sampling and Clearance Testing of Asbestos and Other Fibres
- BOHS P405 Management of Asbestos in Buildings
- BOHS P601 Qualification in the Thorough Examination and Testing of LEV systems
- Competency Certificate in the application of the COSHH Regulations
- Institute of Acoustics Certificates of Competence in Assessment of Workplace Noise, Environmental Noise Measurement, Management of Exposure to Hand Arm Vibration (refreshed 2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Graduate Membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry (1992)
- Licentiate Member of the British Occupational Hygiene Society

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2021 – Date Pragma and Associates Ltd

Occupational Hygienist

Using knowledge of historic material uses and industrial practices to assist the courts in cases where ill-health resulting from occupational exposure is alleged. Participation in Occupational Consultancy work where required.

2014 – 2021 Tata Steel UK

Senior/Lead Occupational Hygienist

Performing the role of a Senior Occupational Hygiene lead in the identification, evaluation and control of risks to health generated by the production and finishing of steel. Compiling corporate level policy documents that set out the direction for the company to follow in its duty to protect people at work. Designing hygiene monitoring programmes for the demonstration of ongoing statutory compliance and identifying areas for continuous improvement. Managing a team of Occupational Hygienists to assist in those purposes and mentoring them in their academic, professional and practical development. Providing awareness training on the subjects of asbestos, COSHH, noise and vibration to all levels of the workforce. Issuing guidance for the preparation of responses to consultations made to industry where legislative changes and reviews of workplace exposure limits are proposed.

1994– 2014 British Steel plc/Corus Steel/Tata Steel Strip Products UK

Occupational Hygienist

Undertaking a wide range of occupational hygiene surveys, both alone and as part of a team. Participating in knowledge group exercises and corporate policy planning on asbestos, noise and vibration. Collating hazard registers which catalogue the location and condition of asbestos-containing materials and designing database software that prioritises those materials for control. Involvement in third party Health & Safety Management Audits.

1989 – 1994 British Steel plc

Occupational Hygiene/Asbestos Technician

Microscopic identification of asbestos materials sampled from building surveys, incidences of accidental disturbance and proposed refurbishment work. Undertaking asbestos in buildings surveys and providing clearance testing for reoccupation following remedial work. Assisting on a wide variety of occupational hygiene monitoring programmes, collating data and preparing reports. Analysing samples generated in those surveys by laboratory techniques including UV/Vis spectrophotometry, GCMS and ICP methods.