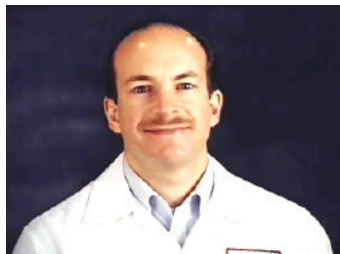




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Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc.
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Education:

B.S. - Chemical Engineering, Vanderbilt University

M.S. - Chemical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. - Chemical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin

Job Description:

Senior Manager in Environmental, Health and Safety

Advice to Students:

"Be proactive in your career management. Don't sit back and wait for something to happen."

Interview:

"As Honda's senior manager of environmental, health, and safety programs, I'm responsible for all corporate and plant environmental and safety issues at the four Honda plants in Ohio and manage a staff of 50 engineers. Some of our responsibilities include: developing environmental permit applications and reports, supporting production departments in achieving waste reduction goals, implementing countermeasures to plant safety concerns, recommending ergonomic improvements in new car designs, and developing a new computerized environmental and safety management system. In my job, communication is very important; I communicate with executive management, production associates, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the public. Before joining Honda, I worked in the chemical industry. I developed an interest in environmental issues and asked my manager for more projects in this area. I helped start a new environmental technology research group. When a need developed for someone to handle environmental affairs, I was selected because I'd shown interest and had worked with these issues.

To prepare for this field, I recommend that you develop strong technical skill sets, as well as oral and written communication skills. The people relations side is important, too. Network. Become active in professional societies. Be proactive in your career management. Don't sit back and wait for something to happen."

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