



# Clark Seif Clark Environmental Newsletter

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Every day, Clark Seif Clark professionals are deployed across the nation helping both large and small customers resolve health & safety, industrial hygiene, environmental and indoor air quality issues.

At a moment's notice, Clark Seif Clark can send their experts anywhere they are needed. No matter if it's in response to a hurricane, wildfire, flood, tornado, or other natural disaster, Clark Seif Clark is ready to help and can respond in no time at all.

## Clark Seif Clark Celebrates 20 Years of Environmental Consulting Services

On April 1st of 1996, several of the leading environmental, industrial hygiene, engineering and building science professionals officially opened the doors at Clark Seif Clark (CSC). The environmental consulting firm quickly made a name for themselves in their home state of California before expanding and opening several offices on the West Coast and now providing services for clients nationwide.

What immediately set CSC apart from others in the industry two decades ago still holds true today. The extensive knowledge and training of CSC's staff and their dedication to science-based protocols and cross-training is a key component to the company. This means their personnel are comprehensive site investigators and knowledgeable compliance experts, a unique position for environmental consulting firms. CSC also has an extensive background in engineering so architects, builders, contractors, developers and realtors all appreciate their level of expertise.

Today, local, state and federal institutions, and companies ranging from start-ups to international Fortune 500 firms turn to CSC for answers and solutions to their environmental concerns. CSC's services include everything from subsurface site characterization and remediation, workplace health and safety, indoor air quality, mold, lead, asbestos and energy efficiency consulting to litigation

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support.

"We understand our clients' expectations and it's our goal to exceed them on every project," said Franco Seif, President of Clark Seif Clark. "Having successfully completed thousands of assignments for clients from coast to coast, I can confidently say that there is not an environmental consulting firm in business today that can match our depth of project experience or level of expertise that our staff brings to each job we undertake. It's with great honor and satisfaction that we celebrate 20 years of service and each of us looks forward to another two decades of providing exceptional results to our clients."

To learn more about this or other occupational, property damage, indoor air quality, environmental, health and safety testing services, please visit [www.csceng.com](http://www.csceng.com) , email [csc@csceng.com](mailto:csc@csceng.com) or call (800) 807-1118.

## Identifying Sewage Contamination to Protect Building Occupants from Exposure Risks

Two words that no property owner ever wants to hear are sewage contamination. Any type of water damage to the interior of a home or business can cause expensive repairs and indoor environmental quality (IEQ) issues, but when the flooding is due to sewage these concerns and costs only increase.

In addition to the odors and unpleasant nature of sewage contamination, it can also destroy building materials, furnishings and belongings. Some nonporous materials can potentially be cleaned and disinfected, but most porous materials will need to be discarded.

Sewage contamination can expose people to a wide range of pathogens, including bacteria, viruses, fungi, protozoa and parasites. Standing water and wet materials will allow many of these organisms to multiply and the introduced moisture can result in the rapid growth of mold on many materials throughout the property. In some circumstances, there could even be potentially hazardous chemicals mixed in with the sewage.

Contact with any of these contaminants or pathogens could result from direct contact, ingestion or inhalation. All building occupants could be at risk, but this is especially true for anyone with a weakened or suppressed immune system. Due to the health concerns and complications associated with properly assessing and remediating sewage contamination, property owners faced with this scenario in their residential or commercial property should look for expert advice and help. CSC's indoor environmental consultants can test and assess the damage and help to ensure that remediation

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efforts properly address the situation to return the property to its original condition. These services also help to ensure that insurance claims address all of the issues covered by the insurance policy and that problems are not overlooked or improperly handled.

CSC recently sponsored an educational video about sewage contamination, property damage and exposure concerns that can be seen here:



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**About Clark Seif Clark:** CSC was established in 1989 to help clients in both the public and private sectors address environmental issues. CSC is a leading provider of these services with multiple offices along the western seaboard and southwest. The company believes in science-based protocols and has a strong background in engineering making them the preferred environmental consultants to healthcare facilities, architects, schools, builders, contractors, developers and real estate professionals.