

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, October 12, 2009 – B&R Compliance Associates LLC announces a new alliance that significantly expands its consulting and training capabilities to the industrial and medical gases industry.

Jim Arvin, former Director of Safety and Environmental for AGA Gases, and Head of Security for Linde North America, has joined forces with B&R to offer consulting services for three key regulatory areas affecting every gas manufacturer in America - OSHA and EPA regulations, and the Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti Terrorism Standard.

“This alliance is a natural extension of the services B&R has been providing for the past seven years,” said Bob Yeoman, president and CEO of B&R. “B&R specializes in delivering cost-effective regulatory solutions, and Jim is one of the most respected safety professionals active today in the industrial and medical gases business. I can’t think of another person more qualified to assist gas firms with their OSHA, EPA, and Homeland Security compliance issues than Jim.”

Through his work at CGA, Arvin has had a direct role in writing almost every industry standard related to safety, health, emergency response, and homeland security that have come out in the last 15+ years. “These days, welding and gases distributors are active in areas such as acetylene production and special and toxic gas filling,” Yeoman said. “Who better than Jim to help these companies cost effectively manage these new safety, environmental and security challenges to their business?”

One of Arvin’s initial areas of focus will be to develop a new series of web-based safety training programs. Topics will include basic safety management, fork lift safety, lockout/tag-out, OSHA record keeping, hazardous materials, hazard communication, confined spaces, fire protection, compressed gas safety, ergonomics, personal protective equipment, electrical and many more to help our clients meet their OSHA and EPA training requirements. Other topics planned for introduction in 2010 include responding to gas leak emergencies and emergency response team training, acetylene plant safety and audits, Process Safety Management (PSM) and Risk Management Programs (RMP’s) for products such as propane, acetylene, and hydrogen.

With this new alliance, B&R can now provide turnkey safety programs for its clients that include company policies, safety procedures and work instructions, or prepare Process Safety Management or Risk Management Programs. We can assist them in the new Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard, or we can perform an audit and provide them a gap assessment so they know where they stand when the inspectors come to call. “No job is too large or small,” Yeoman said..

The associates at B&R Compliance have lifetimes of experience in the medical and industrial gases business which spans from the production floor to executive management. They focus on solutions for regulatory and safety compliance. If you need more information or assistance with your safety, environmental or security programs please give B&R Compliance Associates a call at 610-868-7183.