When Did the Change Happen?

WHEN I WAS A KID
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY "DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!"
Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

- Safety (Hi-Visibility) Vests Mandatory
  - Do not assume the customer will provide
- Safety Shoes
  - Hard Toe MUST- Solid Soles nice to have
    - Steel preferred
      - Needles, Nails, Glass, Razors, etc...
- Hard Hats
  - Check ahead...
    - Not always mandatory
    - Hat should be worn
      - Birds
- Safety Glasses
  - Things are in-the-air and crushing/breaking/smashing of debris is the work of a landfill.
- Gloves
  - Should be worn but not mandatory
Know the Meeting Place/Point for Emergency

- Guard House?
- Scale House?
- Main Parking Lot?
- Pick a Place that is KNOWN
Photography

- Never take a photo without permission FIRST
  - Landfills do NOT want attention
    - Public opinion is already bad
  - Things happening that don’t need documenting
  - Competitive advantages are secret and private
Understand the Traffic Flow & Direction

▪ Follow the entry & exit roads
  ▪ No Shortcuts

▪ Larger vehicles have the Right-Away
  ▪ Never rely on common sense
  ▪ Never rely on rules-of-the-road.
Traffic is Heavy and Rushed

- Look & Listen before moving
- Drivers are paid by the trip and in a hurry
  - You watch for them as they are NOT watching for you
No Interference with Trucks

- DO NOT stop the drivers
  - PAID by the trip
  - They are in a hurry
Buddy System In-Place

- Do Not Move Around Alone
  - Always have someone with you
  - YOU watch for them and pay attention
No Wandering Around

- If relocation on the site is necessary...
  - Get Permission (Use buddy system)
    - Supervisor
    - Spotter
    - Other team members
Safety On & Off Machines

- 3-Point Contact Mandatory
  - 2 Hands & 1 Foot
  - 2 Feet & 1 Hand
- No Jumping off Machine
- No Access to Areas Not Recommended
Personal Hygiene

- Wash Hands ALWAYS
  - Everything Bad is in the landfill
  - Shaking hands with people
    - Do you know when they washed last?
- Change Clothes before going out
  - You don’t smell You… Others do!
    - Airplanes, Elevators, Dinner, public places
      - YOU STINK!!

SWANA Northern Lights Chapter
No Smoking without Direct Permission

- Methane gas is everywhere (has no smell)
  - It’s a byproduct of waste degradation
  - It’s explosive in high concentration
  - It’s flammable
No Littering

- Landfills could be fined for litter
  - Yes, the landfill active face is OK
  - Don’t throw trash out the window or drop
    - Regardless of what’s around you
Stay Out of Confined Spaces or Low Areas

- Landfill gas is present (40 – 60% methane, with the remainder being mostly carbon dioxide (CO₂)
  - It’s deadly
    - FAST and No Warning
Lookout for Each Other

- Assume the worst can happen
  - Methane has no smell
  - Drivers are not watching for you
  - Traffic and work conditions change rapidly

- Stupid Happens
  - Assume it’s around you all the time
    - Common Sense wasn’t hired or practiced
      - Drivers – Last stop for work?
      - Employees – Busy adapting to environment
      - Customers – They don’t know what they’re doing and amazed
Nice to Have

- Be ready for climate extremes. (Cold/Hot/Humid/Dry/Wind)
- Take bags for your boots (They STINK)
- Take baby wipes for hands (Yes, you could eat at the face)
- Bring sun lotion (apply at hotel)
- Bring rain gear
Enjoy your visit - Questions?