

KURT REICHERT

Fumigation Director Compliance Officer Western Fumigation / Lester, PA

Kurt Reichert has over 28 years on the Western Fumigation team. Starting as a fumigation service technician, his ability to develop into new areas of responsibility was obvious from the beginning. He was promoted through each level until he reached status as a Master Technician in 1997. In subsequent years of advancement, Kurt was again promoted to Service Supervisor, working at the Ports of the Delaware River, and again in 2009 to Service Manager. In 2015, Kurt was promoted to his current position of Fumigation Director. His bottom up career path gives him a unique knowledge of fumigation operations.

Kurt developed Western's safety and security programs and raised those standards, which are still unequalled in the industry. Kurt was ideally suited to meet the (then) new Homeland Security initiatives and challenges which were introduced by the United States government in the years following the 9/11 attacks.

As Western's Compliance Officer, Kurt stays current with all of the ever changing laws and regulations in the various state and federal agencies that affect our respective businesses; USDA, USEPA, OSHA, DOT, US Customs, etc. He researches pending legislation, implements and documents the necessary changes, trains our employees and verifies compliance.

He was active with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) efforts to develop a national identification system, called the Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC). The Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, working with the TSA, formed the committees charged with practical implementation for all segments of industry that will be affected by this requirement. Kurt was enlisted to serve on two of the committees...the Enrollment and the Background Check committees.

Kurt served on the United States Coast Guard's Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC). The AMSC is a partnership of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and private sector business interests committed to improving the security of the maritime transportation system in the Delaware Bay area.

Within the AMSC, he was a member of the Port Business Operations Subcommittee, as well as the Vice-Chair of the Project Co-ordination Subcommittee. Both of these Subcommittees are a vital part of seeing that Federal security grant monies are made available to agencies and businesses located in the Delaware Bay area.

Other notable achievements include:

- Developed regulatory policies for Western Fumigation's compliance with USDOT (Drug and Alcohol, Medical Clearance, Hazardous Materials, Security Plans), USOSHA (Respiratory, Forklift), and USEPA (Fumigation Management Plans, Cold Storage Monitoring).
- Served on the Cold Storage Monitoring Task Force through the Maritime Exchange of the Delaware River and Bay.
- Served on the Delaware County, PA Local Emergency Planning Committee Emergency Action Plan Task Force.
- Served on the Board of the Area Maritime Security Council (2010 – 2014) under direction of the US Coast Guard / US Department of Homeland Security.
- Is the Vice-Chair of the Fumigation Committee of the National Pest Management Association.
- Worked with the National Pest Management Association and the Virginia Pest Management Association to draft Qualified Fumigation Facility legislation in the Virginia Legislature.
- Served on the Suffolk Virginia Air Toxics Monitoring Group through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Lectured on fumigation of commodities for Virginia International Terminals, Richard Kammerling and Kansas State University, among others.
- Served on the Methyl Bromide Industry Panel during the methyl bromide re-registration (label update).
- An approved New York State Trainer for fumigation applicators.