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## Press Release

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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY WELCOMES THREE STAFF MEMBERS

Houston, November 30, 2010 – Environmental Health and Safety is pleased to announce the addition of three (3) staff members:



**Mike Varela**  
Assistant Radiation Safety Manager

Mike relocated from Connecticut to join the University of Houston. His employment history includes work as an assistant radiation safety officer at Yale New Haven Hospital, a consultant, and a freelance writer. He earned an undergraduate and master's degree in physics, from Manhattan College and Old Dominion University, respectively.

**Dushyant “Dash” Khambhati**  
Asbestos & Safety Coordinator

Dash joins the university with 10 years experience in environmental sciences including a stint at The Fercam Group where he managed projects in asbestos and lead abatement. He is the recipient of two UH degrees (an M.S. in Environmental Science and a B.S. in Mechanical Technology from UHCL). He's also a licensed asbestos consultant.





**Hollie Quisenberry**  
Environmental Protection Officer

Hollie Quisenberry previously worked for PepsiCo Americas Beverages where she led environmental and resource conversation programs for the largest hot fill beverage plant in PepsiCo North America Beverages unit. She also interned in Oslo, Norway at the National Institute of Occupational Health. She holds an M.P.H. from The University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

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