



## News Release

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### SEI Names New Technical Director

McLean, VA . . . . October 11, 2007. The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce the recent addition of William A. Fithian to its staff. Mr. Fithian will serve as Technical Director.

Mr. Fithian brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Technical Director position. His knowledge of laboratory management/practices and QA/QC programs, as well as experience managing technical staff, will be an asset to him as a Technical Director. Mr. Fithian will concentrate on SEI certification programs for NFPA protective clothing and ensembles and the fall protection equipment program.

He brings experience from prior positions as Division Vice President at SPEX Certiprep, Inc., as Technical Project Manager at OHM Remediation Services – Analytical Division, and as Technology Manager at Analytikem, Inc.

Mr. Fithian is a graduate of Glassboro State College with a BS Degree in Chemistry and a BA Degree in Physical Sciences/Geology.

The SEI certification programs encompass annual product testing of all certified safety and protective equipment product models and quality assurance audits are conducted annually at the manufacturer's facility. SEI certifies hard hats, safety eyewear, emergency eyewash and safety showers, bump caps; fall protection equipment; fire service SCBA and rescue tools, fire fighters' helmets, boots and gloves for wildland, USAR, proximity and structural fire fighting; gas detector tube units; hazardous materials protective ensembles; protective clothing for emergency medical operations; personal alert safety systems (PASS) for fire fighters; fire service life safety rope, equestrian helmets and vests and bicycle helmets.

Information about SEI's certification program and the most current version of the SEI **Certified Product List**, can be accessed on SEI's web site, [www.SEInet.org](http://www.SEInet.org). The SEI home page includes the SEI **Certified Product List** which provides certified product model names and numbers, manufacturer's names, and contact information.

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