

Thomas Vinson

VIEW LLC (Vinson Insights for Environment and Wellness)



Thomas Vinson is the Senior Instructor at the University of Texas at Arlington's Environmental Training Institute. He recently incorporated his second business, VIEW LLC, where he:

- Helps companies understand and report their sustainability metrics for financial disclosures.
 - Developed and teaches a certification program for Sustainability that gives students real time lessons applying to their workforce.
 - Instructs for the Environmental Training Institute in issues of compliance, EMS, environmental auditing, pollution prevention and other topics.
 - Provides assistance directly to businesses so they can reduce pollution and save money
 - Mentors developing professionals in the environmental field.
- Facilitates meetings and works to improve communication between internal and external stakeholders
 - Trains individuals in wellness practices such as Tai Chi, Yoga and Authentic Relating.

Thomas worked for federal state and local agencies to implement a range of environmental programs before finding his love for pollution prevention in 1995. Since then, he has worked at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and two Universities to promote pollution prevention as a strategy to improve business effectiveness while protecting the environment.

Over the past thirty years Thomas has trained thousands of people in pollution prevention techniques, helping companies worldwide. He documents an average of \$ 500,000/year in savings from people he has taught or worked with; these savings come from increasing efficiency through waste reduction. His philosophy is that all waste is a hazard to the bottom line.

As administrator of the Region 6 P2Rx center he has worked with governmental programs in New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma to develop and improve their pollution prevention programs.

Thomas has worked closely with the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable to start a series of Korean (ROK) Cleaner Production site visits and to implement Environmental Management Systems for Saudi Arabian Oil and Gas Operations.

Thomas provides direct technical assistance to companies and trained state and local governments on techniques to provide assistance. He regularly conducts site visits for Fortune 500 corporations, the United States Military, municipal operations and small businesses. He recently worked with over 30 small and medium sized businesses in Nevada finding savings and reductions in a variety of enterprises.

Prior to joining the University of Texas, Thomas worked in federal, state, and local governments. Employers include the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) where he reviewed emissions inventories, worked on hazardous waste programs and mobile source programs before joining the Pollution Prevention team in the Office of the Executive Director. As an intern with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Thomas worked on water and air toxics projects and also enforcement of air programs.

Born in Texas, Thomas moved back to his childhood home in Virginia; he maintains his pride in being a son of the Republic of Texas while being a lover of Virginia.

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