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**John Godfrey** is a Consultant Dangerous Goods / Hazardous Substances with ERGOSH Safety Management Services Pty Ltd.

John has over 25 years of practical experience in the chemical and associated industries. Originally trained in Agricultural Science, John worked for many years in the field of Agricultural and Veterinary chemicals, rising to the position of General Manager of a large chemical distribution company. He then joined the Department of Labour in 1987 as a Dangerous Goods Adviser and quickly found his niche as an Inspector of Dangerous Goods and also Occupational Health and Safety.

John was appointed as a Coordinator within the Statewide Coordination Unit, responsible for all facets of field activities throughout Victoria. These responsibilities included:

- Principal Training Coordinator for all aspects of Dangerous Goods and OHS Inspector training
- Assessment and approval of licence applications and exemptions under the DG legislation
- Preparation and delivery of industry seminars associated with Dangerous Goods and OHS
- Representation on numerous VWA committees and working groups
- Principal investigator into numerous major incidents such as the Coode Island fires
- Providing expert advice on OHS Law and to the Coroners Court
- Membership of the VWA Emergency Response Team (for 8 years)

Since leaving the Victoria WorkCover Authority in 1998, John has worked as a consultant providing a broad range of services to industry.

John also has extensive training experience both nationally and internationally, lecturing on a broad range of dangerous goods and occupational health and safety subjects within numerous organisations, including:

- Melbourne University
- Victorian University of Technology
- RMIT University
- Numerous Government Agencies both locally and interstate
- Victorian Police Academy
- Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade
- Country Fire Authority

John holds a Diploma of Applied Science in Occupational Health and Safety and a Diploma Agricultural Science.