



## **GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. Recognized for Emergency Response to Explosion at Rexnord's Falk Facility**

GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc., one of the area's leading environmental and geotechnical consulting firms, was recently recognized for their emergency response and clean up after an explosion at Rexnord's gear production facility in Milwaukee this past December.

Three workers were killed and approximately 45 others were injured in the explosion on December 6, 2006. The explosion destroyed approximately 80,000 square feet of warehouse, storage and non-production buildings, and damaged portions of other production areas.

Rexnord Industries, LLC, which owns the gear making plant, recognized GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. for their immediate response to the disaster. GZA GeoEnvironmental was onsite the day after the explosion and began evaluating the type of hazardous materials and the extent of the damage. GZA dealt with a number of potential environmental issues that arose after the explosion. In addition the GZA team performed work related to the excavation of the propane line involved in the explosion.

"On behalf of Rexnord Industries LLC, and our more than 700 local Falk employees, we want to take the opportunity to thank you for the generous and heartfelt support and assistance your organization provided to us after the tragedy at our Canal Street Facility.", wrote Bob Hitt, President and CEO of Rexnord Industries, LLC. "[T]he assistance you provided has helped lighten our load, and allowed us to focus on bringing our employees back to work and moving forward with business."

"Our team responded immediately to this disaster and worked 12 to 14 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure the safe reopening of this facility," said William R. Beloff, President and CEO of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. "The commitment of our team helped the plant to re-open in record time, in fact half of the workforce was safely back in place within a few weeks."

### **About GZA**

Founded in 1964, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. is a multi-disciplined firm providing environmental consulting, geotechnical and civil engineering, environmental remediation contracting, regulatory compliance, litigation support, air quality, solid waste services, specialty construction, occupational health and safety, and site development services. GZA maintains corporate offices at One Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062. The firm has approximately 500 employees and operates 22 offices, in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes Regions of the United States. For additional information, please call William R. Beloff, CEO at 781-278-3801 or visit the company's website at [www.gza.com](http://www.gza.com).