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MARCH MEETING - RUST FEDERAL SERVICES HANFORD WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS AND PROCESSES AT HANFORD PROGRAM

by Cheryl Sayler

The March meeting will take place at the WSU-Tri-Cities Auditorium in Richland. The presentation will start at 7:15 pm on Thursday March 20 and will be given by Jim Buckley of Rust Federal Services Hanford. Jim will be talking about the WMX Technologies Inc. Family of Companies and Rust Federal Services Hanford role at Project Hanford.

Jim is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelors of Science in Chemistry. He started in his waste management activities as a chemist at Chemical Waste Management's (CWM), Emelle, Alabama facility and quickly rose to a management role as Technical Manager.

Eleven years later Jim was given the responsibility for the development and operation of the CWM Southern Regional Lab located in Port Arthur, Texas. In 1994, Jim took on a new challenge as the Branch Manager for Advanced Environmental Technical Services in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jim and his family were attracted to the PHMC

and moved to the Tri-Cities to take on his new role as Manager of Generator Services of Rust Federal Services Hanford.

The meeting is open to the public and is free of charge. Further information can be obtained from Cheryl Sayler (372-3970).

SAFETY AND HEALTH UPDATE FROM CONGRESS

by Stanley Jones

This article was submitted by Stan Jones and was written by Keith Mestrich AFL-CIO Department of Occupational Safety and Health. Similar articles and safety and health issues are shared on the Internet listserver "SAFETY". To subscribe send a message to listserv@uvmvm.edu at - SMTPLink. In addition, the Department of Energy has a similar listserve for ES&H Professionals. To connect to this send an e-mail to MAJORDOM&DEWEY.TIS.EH.DOE.GOV and in the body of the message type subscribe DOEESH ra_pollari@CCMAIL.PNL.GOV.

Although the only action taken by Congress has been to swear themselves in (and to deal with ethics violations and tape recordings), a few developments on the safety and health policy front

have occurred which I thought would be interesting for folks.

SENATE

The new chair of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, Jim Jeffords (R-VT), has created a new Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety which will have jurisdiction over all OSHA matters (last year all OSHA matters were handled at the full committee level). The Subcommittee will be chaired by Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN), a relative newcomer to the Senate. Frist's only history on job safety and health policy is his vote in Committee last year for the Kassebaum-Gregg OSHA Reform bill. Prior to coming to the Senate, Frist practiced medicine in Tennessee.

HOUSE

The House has passed a new rules package which will require that any non-governmental witnesses testifying before a Congressional Committee or Subcommittee "shall submit a curriculum vitae and a disclosure by source and amount of federal grants and contracts received by them or any organization they represent in the current and preceding two fiscal years to the extent that the information is relevant to the subject matter of the testimony." This rule builds on work from the last Congress to restrain federal grant monies to non-profit entities. For more information, contact Deborah Lewis at the Alliance for Justice (dlewis@afj.org).

APPROPRIATIONS

The Senate has named the members of the Labor, HHS, Education and related Agencies Subcommittee:

Chair: Specter (R-PA)

Republicans: Cochran (MS), Gorton (WA), Bond (MO), Gregg (NH), Hutchison (TX), Faircloth (NC), Craig (ID).

Democrats: Harkin (IA), Byrd (WV), Hollings (SC), Inouye (HI), Bumpers (AR), Reid (NV), Kohl (WI).

Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee were listed in the last

update.

NEW LEGISLATION

The first day of the 105th Congress saw the introduction of a number of new bills. None addressed the issue of OSHA reform. There was one bill introduced which may play a role in the regulatory reform debate, this bill (H.R. 96) will provide additional assistance to small business in complying with regulations. A more detailed analysis of this bill will be prepared if it begins to move.

SBREFA

You might recall that the 104th Congress passed this law which will have a major impact on the development of OSHA regulations and OSHA enforcement. All year, these updates will examine the implementation of this very dangerous piece of legislation.

Senator Kit Bond (R-MO), Chair of the Senate Small Business Committee and one of the principal authors of SBREFA, plans a full schedule in the coming year to "make sure federal agencies comply with the provisions of the law. Bond plans to hold a number of oversight hearings, including a series of field hearings.

OSHA's tuberculosis rule has been subject to review by a SBREFA panel. The panel has made numerous recommendations on ways to alter the proposed rule, purportedly in the interests of small business. The proposed changes would require exempting additional industries and requiring that OSHA conduct a number of cost-benefit analyses which will delay the issuance of the proposal.

OSHA's recently published final rule on methylene chloride may be the first regulation subject to the Congressional review provisions of SBREFA. The Halogenated Solvents Industry Association is pressing legislators to review the rule and to reject it once it comes to the Congress for approval.

For more information on SBREFA, request the AFL-CIO Issue Brief by contacting Keith

Mestrich at 202-637-5210 or by e-mail at 71363.1544@compuserve.com.

ATTENTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP!!!
1997 MEETINGS

The following is the schedule for the 1997 general membership meetings:

January 16
March 20
May 15
September 18
November 20

The meetings are set up as part of the certification maintenance program. According to the by laws, each CHMM can obtain recertification points by attending at least three of the five meetings. Each member must sign in. At the end of each year, a listing of the meetings each member has attended will be distributed by the secretary.

JANUARY EXECUTIVE MEETING
OVERVIEW

The executive meeting was held on January 9, 1997 at the WSU Tri-Cities Campus. The following is a summarization of Sebastian Tindall's meeting minutes, please contact him for an official copy if desired. The following people were present: Delores Lutter, Robert Newell, Sebastian Tindall, Ceryl Sayler, Terry Ostrandler, Chris Brevick, David Pratt, Brian Dixon, Stan Jones, Robert Booker and Todd Boucher.

Public Relations Chair:

The January 16, 1997 Chapter meeting schedule was sent to the Tri-City Herald and The Hanford Reach. The newsletter will be sent today.

Treasurer Report: David Pratt handed out the November and December report. He as prepared the Chapter Non-Profit information as required by the IRS.

Professional Development Chair:

Brian Dixon stated that he feels that the scheduled CHMM review course may need to be moved from January to February 19, 1997. This was due to a lack of the break even quantity of 15 students. All agreed and the course will in February with a test on May 24, 1997.

Old Business:

A profession certification letter that will be sent to the new contractors discussing the importance of CHMM to their companies will be sent by Delorus Lutter. An audit of the Chapter Financial Register is strongly recommended. Officer's/Committee chairs will each have a listing of what their duties are so that this is clear when new officers take over.

New Business:

There will be a hazardous materials conference at the Pasco Red Lion and the local chapter has been asked to participate, Bob Newell will need to appoint a committee chairperson. Officers transferred materials to the newly elected treasurer, secretary, president and vice president. A chairperson and a committee needs to be established for awards.

EWC-ACHMM SCHOLARSHIPS

by Tom Ambalam

We have Good News ! The EWC-ACHMM is sponsoring two scholarships for college students interested in enrolling in hazardous materials management courses. The last date for filing the application forms, provided by EWC-ACHMM, is April 1, 1997.

A scholarship to encourage high school graduates in Eastern Washington to pursue a career related to Hazardous Materials Management is offered. Graduating seniors who will be freshmen in college in the upcoming semesters in 1997 will be eligible to apply. The successful applicant will be awarded a sum of \$ 200.

Another scholarship to encourage ex-employees of the Hanford Site to pursue college courses or a review course in Hazardous Material Management is also available. The student must be enrolled in a course on Hazardous Material Management, Environmental Science or Engineering leading to a degree or a certification. The successful candidate will be awarded a sum of \$ 300.

Information regarding scholarships and application forms were sent to the all the school districts, universities and community colleges located in Eastern Washington. Students interested in applying for scholarships should contact their counselors. Also, information can be obtained by contacting Tom Ambalam, Chairman -Scholarship Committee, EWC-ACHMM at 509-376-6049. Applications with attachments are due on or before April 1, 1997.

CHMM RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ASSOCIATION

by Robert Newell

The following is an article from the NETA news, Winter 1996-97 (NETA is the National Environmental Training Association). I thought it would be of interest.

The NETA Board of Directors on November 8, 1996 formally recognized the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential, offered by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management, Rockville, MD, as satisfying the technical qualifications --in lieu of NETA's technical test--for the CET Management and Transportation of Hazardous Materials and Waste specialty area.

Recognition of the CHMM is the sixth independent voluntary certification to meet NETA's rigorous criteria for recognition of independent certifications in lieu of testing. The others are the Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), Occupational

Health and Safety Technologist (OHST), Construction Health and Safety Technologist (CHST) and those registered by the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists (NRPPT).

Independent certifications are recognized by NETA only when the qualifications and examinations are substantially similar to the CET process. Consideration is given to recognizing other certifications only when a substantial group of individual members (or potential members), or an organization which offers another certification, requests NETA or the Board of Examiners to consider recognition. The BOE then thoroughly investigates the process used by the other certification, including test development and administration, and interviews numerous individuals holding the other certification before making a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Recognition of the CHMM is expected to open a number of areas of cooperation between NETA and the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM), the CHMM membership organization.

NEED OF MORE INPUT FROM MEMBERS

Any short articles that may be of interest to others in the chapter are needed. We will accept and review any ideas for articles submitted for the newsletter. Submissions should be of interest to a number of the members. Items of interest may include changes in your company's policy or procedures, member accomplishments, promotions, assignments, or other items which may be of interest to the general membership.

Submissions can be sent via cc:Mail on HLAN or sent in plant mail to P7-79 and addressed to Delores Lutter. Every contributor will receive recognition for their efforts.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONFERENCE

by Todd Boucher

The 10th Annual Pacific Northwest Hazardous Materials Conference is coming to the Tri-Cities this year. The conference is to be held in the Pasco Red Lion Inn on May 20 - 22 1997. Past conferences draws around 200 attendees from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Canada. This year there will be hands on training offered so this is expected to increase participation.

The EWC-ACHMM Chapter has been asked to participate in the event with an information booth. I have been asked to chair a committee to develop a display for the conference. We are in need of interested people to participate in some planning meetings specifically for this conference. The first planning meeting will be March 27 in the Richland Public Library at 5:00 in the Seminar Room. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. Further question can be directed to me at 373-9954 during the day and 946-9212 in the evening.

1997 EWC-ACHMM Executive Officers

President -- Delores K. Lutter

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