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NOVEMBER MEETING - WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. FACILITIES IN ARLINGTON, OR

by Todd Boucher (373-9954)

The next scheduled meeting for the Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Material Managers will be on November 20, 1997 at the Washington State University, Tri-Cities Campus, Room West-240 from 7:00 p.m.. The quest speaker will be Lee Weber from the Arlington, Oregon hazardous waste storage and disposal facility. His discussion will include hazardous waste treatment/disposal, solid waste disposal, and future work to be done at the Arlington Site.

Mr. Weber has extensive background in environmental and health & safety compliance, and his 7 years of experience with Waste Management Inc includes project management, compliance assessment, agency interaction, permitting, and training. He is employed as a Environmental, Health and Safety Compliance Manager at the Arlington Site.

There will be a general membership meeting following the presentation. As usual you are welcome to bring friends or acquaintances who would be interested in joining the chapter.

ATTENTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP!!!! 1997/98 MEETINGS

The last general membership meeting for 1997 will be on November 20.

The general membership meetings for 1998 will be as follows:

January 15
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 and there is only one remaining meeting this year. 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.

RCRA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT INTERNET TRAINING COURSE

by Woody Taylor (919-544-4399)

An internet-based training course sponsored by and offered through Montgomery Community College, the Hazardous Waste Management Online Course provides a detailed discussion of federal solid and hazardous waste management laws and regulations that affect businesses under the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act

(RCRA). The course includes a history and overview of hazardous waste management laws and regulations, a guide to complying with the myriad of hazardous waste regulations including how to recognize hazardous wastes, how to manage waste correctly on site, how to properly select, label and mark waste containers, how to prepare shipments for transport to treatment, storage and disposal facilities, and how to properly keep records for compliance and enforcement. Completion of the course may satisfy your annual training requirements for generators of hazardous waste (Large Quantity Generators).

Course Outline:

- I. Introduction to Hazardous Waste Management
- II. Hazardous Waste Determination
- III. Generator Status
- IV. On-Site Management
- V. Record Keeping, Reporting, Spills, Training & Enforcement
- VI. Off-Site Disposal
- VII. Used Oil, Universal Wastes and Mercury Containing Lamps
- VIII. Land Disposal Restrictions

The first module is available free and without obligation. The fee for the entire course is \$99.00. CEUs and Certificates of Completion will be awarded by Montgomery Community College for individuals successfully completing the course. For more information, please visit the course description page:

<http://www.ieti.com/edu/hwm/descr-hwm.html>

Computer requirements: This course is delivered entirely via the internet. Users must have internet access, web browser, and an email address. At a minimum, we suggest users have a 14400 bps modem connection.

NEED OF MORE INPUT FROM MEMBERS

Any short article 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 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.

ACHMM IS LOOKING FOR NEW NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Academy is looking for Certified Hazardous Material Managers to join the National Committees. The Academy has several committees that need new active committee members. The committee are as follows: Awards, Chapter Development, Education & Training Standards, Finance, Government Affairs, Grants, Internet, ISO, Marketing, and Publications. If you are interested or would like further information, contact Delorus Lutter (376-5631) or contact Jeannie Steward at the National Office (800) 437-0137 or e-mail:jsachmm@aol.com.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT EXAM REVIEW COURSE

Brian Dixon (376-7053)

Update your knowledge of the principles of safe and competent management of hazardous materials. The review course provides you with an overview of the chemistry of hazardous materials, toxicology, worker protection, environmental laws and regulations, and environmental management strategies. Anyone who works with hazardous materials will find the course beneficial and it is an excellent review for

those preparing for professional certification.

The course is being offered by the Washington State University Center for Professional Education. The course will run from January 21 - April 1, 1998; Monday and Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.. Course # 5760.01.01. Fee: \$450, Early Bird Fee: \$425. Any questions concerning the review course should be directed to Brian Dixon on 376-7053.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

by Roni Swan (376-0967)

ESHB 1792, Certification of Environmental Technologies, was signed in May, 1997, by Governor Locke. This bill establishes a means for launching new and innovative technologies for rad and mixed wastes (and Hanford is the pilot the program). The bill allows state agencies to develop or approve programs and certify the performance of environmental technologies for remediation of mixed radioactive and hazardous wastes -- so long as the program development costs are paid by the federal government or persons seeking the certification. The bill is intended to streamline permitting processes and encourage the use of new technologies that improve the environment at lower costs.

Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR) - EPA recently announced that the comprehensive Hazardous Waste Identification Rule for Contaminated Media (HWIR-Media) would not be finalized as originally proposed. Rather, by June 30, 1998, EPA plans to promulgate only targeted elements of the proposal including: alternative land disposal treatment standards for hazardous contaminated soil; streamlined permitting for cleanup sites; options for remediation piles; and an exclusion for dredged materials under Clean Water Act or Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act permits.

EPA is not planning to finalize the portions of the proposal which would have distinguished between lower- and higher-risk contaminated

media and would have given the regulatory agencies the flexibility to exempt lower-risk contaminated media from RCRA hazardous waste requirements. Existing areas of flexibility for the management of hazardous remediation waste, however, such as the designation of Corrective Action Management Units (CAMUs), contained-in and area of contamination policies, and site-specific land disposal restrictions treatability variances continue to be available. The agency has published a fact sheet describing these changes to the HWIR-Media rulemaking. While EPA believes the targeted elements and CAMU regulations would improve remediation waste management and expedite cleanups, the Agency also recognizes that additional reform is needed. The Agency will continue to participate in discussions on potential legislation to promote this additional needed reform.

This position does not affect the HWIR-Waste rule, which is scheduled to be repropose by October 31, 1999, and finalized by April 30, 2001. The HWIR-Waste rule was published in a December 21, 1995 Federal Register, and proposed to establish risk-based exit levels for listed hazardous wastes.

VOCs definition proposed by EPA - On August 25, EPA published in the Federal Register (62 FR 44900), a final rule which excludes 16 compounds from the definition of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in Title I of the Clean Air Act. States use this definition when preparing their State Implementation Plans to control ozone in areas that fail to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The revision also applies to Federal Implementation Plans for ozone nonattainment areas.

11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS

by Delorus Lutter (376-5631)

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY

The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM or the Academy) is solvent, gaining in strength, and has no liabilities. Its assets include \$182,000 with no liabilities coming into the 11th Annual Conference. The assets show a 48% increase over the 1996 Budget Year. The surplus is 44% which is 10% over 1996. It is projected that the Conference will have a positive impact on the budget.

The current membership is 7000 strong with 60 chapters. The number of diplomats is increasing on an average of 50 to 60 diplomats per month.

The Academy began in 1984 and developed 4 goals to be split between the Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers (IHMM) and the Academy. The Institute was to provide the professional credential and to work with government and the Academy to gain recognition of the credential.

The Academy was to foster continued professional development and to facilitate the transfer of information.

“What does the National Office do for the Rank-and-File?”

ISO 14000 has had a significant impact on the CHMM credential and will impact individual CHMM careers. Work has been ongoing with the Registration Accreditation Board’s (RAB) Chief Officer to recognized that CHMMs. The fruits of this effort has culminated in a special ACHMM-RAB program for ACHMM/CHMM members in good standing with the Academy by giving each ACHMM/CHMM member wishing to become a Certified Environmental Management System (EMS)ISO 14000 Auditor the following: 50%

discount on the RAB EMS Auditor Certification Application Package; 25% discount on the initial \$100 Application Fee; CHMM’s in good standing automatically meet the “number of years of relevant workplace experience”; by virtue of maintaining the CHMM credential, the CHMM will receive ongoing credit for meeting RAB’s annual maintenance requirement for professional development.

The National Office works to maintain the level of integrity, to consider proposed upgrades to the CHMM credential, and to get recognition of the CHMM credential by State and Federal Government and private industry. Recent negotiations are looking at the problem of instances where a Professional Engineer can sign an environmental document without having environmental knowledge or experience. More information on this will be coming out in November or December.

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) has looked at the CHMM credential and the requirements for becoming a CHMM. It is anticipated that the ASSE will recognize the CHMM credential as fulfilling a portion of the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) credential requirements. A CHMM applying for the CSP will only need to take the “general portion” of the test and not the “speciality portion”.

Other things being worked on at the National level is the preparation of a “Policies and Procedures” and “Guidelines” manuals along with a total revision of the IHMM textbook.

Annual Conference Schedule:

Year	Location
1998	St. Paul, Minnesota
1999	Kansas City, Missouri
2000	Portland, Oregon
2001	Chattanooga, Tennessee
2002	Albuquerque, New Mexico

Chapters Receiving Charters:

East Tennessee
Erie Pennsylvania
South East Tennessee
Road Runner Chapter out of Albuquerque, N. M.

Awards:

Founders Award : Tom Carson
Young CHMM of the Year: Tim Milligan
Chapter of the Year: Magnolia Chapter out of South Carolina
Champion of Excellence Awards: 12 issued this year - Magnolia Chapter received 10, Georgia Chapter received 1, East Tennessee received 1.

Honor Roll of Champions: 2 Chapters received this award - Magnolia Chapter & Georgia Chapter

Honorary Membership: Margaret Nagle

ACHMM Ad hoc Chapter Leadership Committee Meeting

The Chapter Leadership Committee (CLC-96) was formed in to address issues associated with ACHMM strategic and business planning. The CLC-96 addressed and evaluated all of the tasks identified during the Academy Board of Director's strategic planning session. Recommendations have been made detailing: (1) which committee should be assigned responsibility for addressing each task; and (2) recommended a target date for the completion of each task.

In addition to task-specific recommendations, the CLC-96 also generated 8 major recommendations for "Big Picture" issues.

The document prepared and submitted by the CLC-96 to the Academy Board of Directors was referred to in every Board meeting and was used

to decide what direction the Academy was to go.

The 8 major recommendations were discussed and the President gave a status on each. The 8 major recommendations and status are:

- 1) Develop the ACHMM strategic plan based upon the processes of developing vision and mission statements, followed by developing goals, objectives and activities. A draft has been prepared and the final should be available by Dec. 1998.
- 2) Promote a set of basic operating procedures for every ACHMM committee to follow. A set of procedures were developed and included: be the best, ensure actions support the Academy, make actions be or lead to contributions to the community and the Academy, carry out networking on a continued basis, operate within budget, and seek out the latest and most appropriate technologies to use.
- 3) Establish a Public Relations Committee. This committee is yet to be formed.
- 4) Develop a public relation media blitz. This did occur and included such topics as
 - the ACHMM is a healthy organization
 - the relationship between the ACHMM and the IHMM is healthy
 - There is a move to link the Chapters to all nation organization components (e.g. committees, employment directory, speakers bureau)
 - Identify known benefits to individual members and to Chapters.
- 5) Complete ACHMM bylaws. This is in DRAFT status and will be available Dec. '98.
- 6) Evaluate all existing committees. This was done and it will be an ongoing activity.
- 7) Develop guidelines to prevent lobbying. The guidelines are being developed and will assist in building relationships with government agencies by not falling into the grey of lobbying. These

will be available Dec. '98.

8) Evaluate the staffing needs for the ACHMM. This evaluation is complete. The hardware at the Academy was updated, one full time employee and two part time employees have been hired.

The president stressed the need for people to volunteer for National Committees. The Academy is totally volunteer organization and it will only succeed if each Chapter has members volunteering for participation on a National Committee. The goal is to get 2 people from each chapter to volunteer and be an active participant on a National Committee.

dinner for 1998 new members and current members who renew their membership by November 28, 1997. As an added incentive the Chapter will provide dinner for each paid member's spouse and/or guest.

Please note that since this a social gathering and membership drive, attendance will not count for recertification purposes.

An invitation will be sent to each member in the very near future.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1998 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

It is that time of year to select new executive officers for the chapter. If you would like to nominate anyone for *Vice President*, *Secretary*, or *Treasurer* please be prepared to nominate them during the November 20 meeting at the WSU Tri-Cities Campus. Nominations will be taken after the featured speaker. If you can not make the meeting you can contact Bob Newell to nominate someone. All nominations must be made by the end of the November 20th general membership meeting at WSU. Ballots will be sent out on November 21 to chapter members and will need to be turned in before December 4th so the officers can be announced at the dinner party.

DINNER SOCIAL AND 1998 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - DECEMBER 4, 1997

by Cheryl Saylor (372-3970)

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (EWC-ACHMM) will be hosting a dinner at O'Callahan's at the Shilo Inn on December 4, 1997. **EWC-ACHMM will be providing**

1997 EWC-ACHMM Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs

Chapter Officers	Executive Board Members	Committee Chairs
<p>President: Delores K. Lutter Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (509) 376-5631</p> <p>Vice President: Robert L. Newell Fluor Daniel Northwest (509) 376-0509</p> <p>Secretary -- Sebastian C. Tindall Bethel Hanford Inc. (509) 372-9195</p> <p>Treasurer -- Cheryl Ann Sayler DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, Inc. (509) 372-3970</p> <p>Past President: Terry Ostrander Fluor Daniel Northwest (509) 372-1640</p>	<p>Public Relations: Phil Miller Lockheed Martin Hanford Company (509) 3723-6389</p> <p>Government Liaison: Roni Swan Fluor Daniel Hanford Company (509) 376-0967</p> <p>Professional Development: Tom Ambalam Fluor Daniel Northwest (509) 376-6049</p> <p>Membership Development: Open</p>	<p>Awards: Mark Hoffmann Fluor Daniel Northwest (509) 376-1341</p> <p>Newsletter: Todd Boucher Fluor Daniel Northwest (509) 373-9954</p> <p>Scholarships: Tom Ambalam Fluor Daniel Northwest (509) 376-6049</p>