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Public Relations and You!

From Terry Winward

We have several opportunities each year to share ideas about CHMM. How can we tap some of those ideas to make more people aware of CHMM?

Please share your ideas with our officers and/or executive committee. One way we could be of service is to have some posters/billboards in prime buildings. These could make people who enter these buildings aware of new developments, regulations, rules, laws or other items of interest. These could be changed out every few weeks and could also be used to advertise CHMM classes and meetings. Do we have members who would be interested in creating boards, updating and/or obtaining permission to hang boards in certain buildings? Also, if you think of items that involve CHMM that are newsworthy please let us know so we can consider sharing them with our newspapers.



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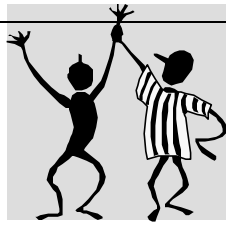
From Stan Jones

As you all realize, conservation has become a very important aspect of our lives again. Whether it is power, water, or materials, the focus is on conserving resources. How does the CHMM fit into this new arena?

The CHMMs can provide our employers with recommendations for all aspects of conservation. We can conserve power by providing recommendations for recycling and reuse. We can provide recommendations for reducing water use through evaluating processes that produce liquid wastes and providing substitutes that produce less liquid waste since many waste streams contain water.

And last of all, we are the experts in material and waste reduction whether through substitution or alternative processes.

So this is our challenge-how can we provide our employers with cost effective conservation recommendations? I challenge each of you to observe your surroundings and provide your employer with at least one conservation recommendation in the next month. Through this type of interaction with our companies, we can further our reputations as true professionals in the material arena whether hazardous or non-hazardous.



FROM THE ACADEMY

Don't forget that CHMM books, hats, mugs and lapel pins and other CHMM items are available from the Academy. For ordering information, call 1-800-436-0137, or order from the web site at:

<http://www.achmm.org>


The EWC-ACHMM Hosts Successful Round Table with the Department of Energy and the major Hanford contractors

On May 24, 2001, a Round Table was convened at the Battelle Auditorium in Richland, to discuss: (a) how the technical and professional societies could better help DOE solve its cleanup issues and (b) how DOE could assist the societies with supporting Hanford's mission.

The panelists included Keith Klein, DOE RL, Harry Boston, DOE-ORP, Dave Van Leuven, FH, Mike Hughes, Bechtel Hanford, Don M. Boyd, PNNL, Thomas Logan, Bechtel National (for Ron Naventi), David C. Lowe, CH2M Hill Hanford (for Fran DeLozier), and William Bradley, HEHF.

Dr. Harry Boston, DOE-ORP, made the following comments:

- DOE and the contractors continue to need qualified staff.
- Identifying technical and scientific needs to support and enhance DOE mission.

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- Knowledge of advances in best "engineering practices" resulting from standards creation and related activities.
 - Knowledge of standard commercial "practices."
 - Identify knowledge experts as source of expert reviewers.
 - Possible source of recruitment information.
 - Possible source of knowledge experts across the site.
 - Professional development of individual employees.

- Overall staff development.
- Professional Societies as a means to promulgate information of Hanford progress and achievements.
- A means of providing congress and the administration with an independent feedback of progress in meeting mission goals.

Dr. Boston recommended formation of a working group composed of select professional society personnel and the contractor (Mr. Klein appointed Phillip Loscoe, SNF) to get the working group organized.

Mr. Keith Klein agreed with Dr. Boston's input and emphasized that DOE had a major technical and management challenge facing them in cleaning up the site. The mission was broader than the usual challenges for large projects because reaching timely cleanup goals was more heavily involved in social, fiscal, regulatory interfaces, a larger than usual system, as well as being subjected to extensive oversight (i.e., the DNFSB, NRC/NAS WDOE, EPA, etc.). Mr. Klein was concerned with issues associated with the "not invented here syndrome" as well as the fact that better use could be made of lessons learned from other industrial sectors.

Mr. Klein specifically asked whether there were areas the site could benefit from creation of new or alternate consensus standards to allow the site to make more cost-effective progress {better - faster - cheaper - safer} in its programs. He was also concerned about the effects on getting work done by an ongoing reliance on "broken" DOE Orders - Implementation Guides - Requirements. The whole intent is to use best commercial practices wherever they exist.

Mr. Dave Van Leuven, FH, noted that FH uses consensus standards whenever they are not forced to use outdated DOE orders as a result of contractual requirements.

Mr. Keith also said the societies could help in pointing-out the existence of new and applicable consensus standards that the DOE contractors could implement, where beneficial.

He also echoed Dr. Boston in that the Department could draw on the professional societies expertise for selected reviews, but that no formal mechanism existed for DOE to remain aware of who these "experts" were.

When asked, he did not believe DOE could fund a database effort to collect "experts" but would entertain an unsolicited proposal to do so.

Alternatively, if there was a mechanism that could collect such information from the professional societies, this might be an alternative way to start.

In the question-answer sessions that followed the following items were discussed:

- DOE continues to have little money, and many restrictions on the professional development of its own staff.
- Individual companies have their own policies on professional development, in part constrained by the nature of their contracts with DOE.
- Many companies reimburse training but the budgets become more constrained with passing years as overall budgets continue to shrink relative to the work to be done.
- If a database of acknowledged subject matter experts is to be created it will be done without DOE funding but DOE would "encourage" efforts in that direction by the professional societies. Sort of like applying to be an ANS Fellow.
- Identifying best practices is an issue with both the DOE and contractors but no mechanism for routinely doing so has been identified.

PNNL and HEHF have the broadest support for professional development with two criteria that focus the activity. standards or other committees sponsored by professional societies.

Mike Hughes commented that Bechtel Hanford encourages professional development but finds its effort contractually restricted if it wants to use government funds.

Mr. Klein and Dr. Boston both indicated they would support a more frequent, formal gathering of the technical societies to further enhance the associated dialog.

(Note: Summary provided with input from the TCTC)

The 2001 Environmental Innovations Summit

*Bringing government and industry together to
explore the latest news, regulations and solutions*

in environmental performance and energy efficiency. Academy members are being offered a 25% discount off the registration fee as well as a group discount structure for this event.

Contact Rich Sechler, Associate Director, Environmental Performance Institute, at 703.519.6270. Let him know you are with ACHMM and mention Kim McGuire, CHMM, to obtain the discounts.

A can't-miss event for environmental and energy professionals featuring top policymakers and leading innovators and offering comprehensive coverage of all major environmental and energy issues. For a full Summit information visit: <http://www.performanceweb.org/EIS2001.html>

On September 10-13, 2001, a coalition of 21 major national environmental policy organizations and trade groups will convene an historic Environmental Innovations Summit in Washington, DC to showcase leading innovations in environmental management in a variety of sectors of society.

Chicago Hosts This Year's 2001 National Convention, August 18-22, 2001

This year our EWC-ACHMM's representative to the 2001 National Conference will be Rampur Viswanath, Vice President.

If you are attending this year's conference, please contact Rampur. You may want to join him or independently attend one of the many committee activities.

Hazardous Materials Management Review Course Fall 2001

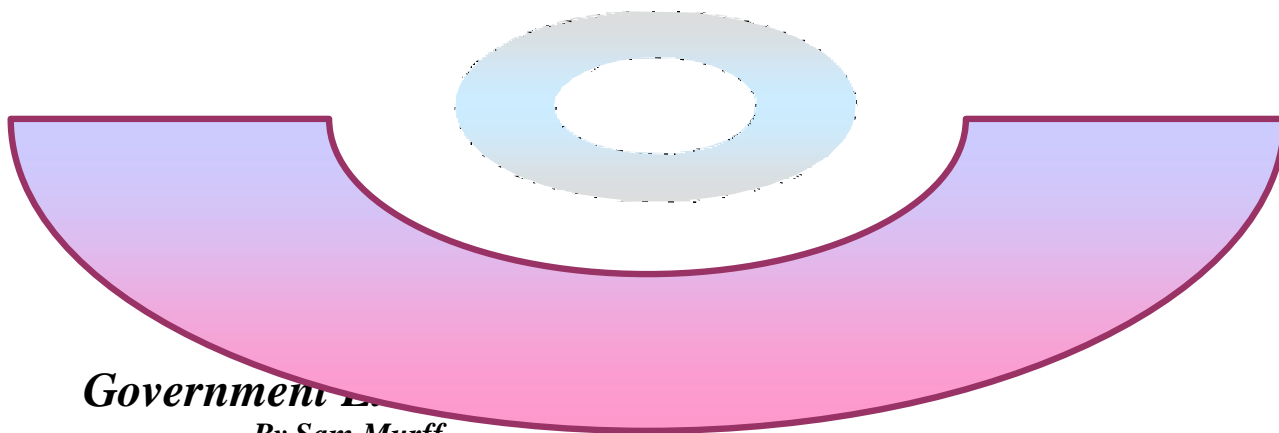
This fall's Hazardous Materials Management Review Course will be offered at the DOE HAMMER Training and Education Center in Richland, WA. The course is scheduled for October 30, 31, and November 1, 2001 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a certification exam on Friday morning, November 2, 2001, from 8:00 to 11:00 AM, at WSUTC.

To register for the class, please call Libby Sickler, HAMMER, at (509) 376-7117 or e-mail or send your fax to (509) 372-7298.

Please submit your articles and ideas to Roni Swan for publication in the next Newsletter. Mail them to the Chapter address (on the first page) or contact her on 376-0967.

Next Chapter Meeting Scheduled for September 26

The next General Chapter Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2001 at the Battelle Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The speaker has not yet been confirmed. More details will be provided to you when they are available. For more information, contact Rampur Viswanath.



Government Ecology *By Sam Murff*

The Department of Ecology issued the Semiannual Rule Agenda (July 2001) that's outlines which new or existing rules Ecology plans to adopt. The semiannual Rule Agenda can be found at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/process/process.html>.

