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*There are many rewards to becoming more active in the community. The following article reminds us that as individuals, we can make a difference –Anything is possible with commitment and the future of the Eastern Washington Chapter (EWC).*

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## ***What Does EWC Mean To Us?***

**By Terry Winward**

A more important question is what does EWC mean to you?

I would like to share a couple of seemingly unrelated experiences that hopefully will drive home one point - EWC is what you make it. Several years ago I was asked to lead a Boy Scout Unit (BSA) led by my Church Congregation. We were taught to accept what we were asked to do but I shocked even myself in saying no. Asked why, I told them I loved both the Church and BSA and I could not stand their record. They had no equipment, poor-to-no advancement, never had an Eagle Scout and both the parents and Church showed little support. I was told that is why I was selected. I agreed upon some conditions which included that “they would start supporting in a true way.”

The story goes on for over 4 years. My sons came into the unit during that time and became the first 2 Eagle Scouts. This occurred a year and a half apart, while they both were 12 years old. My sons and I worked many hours with a little help from others and fully equipped the unit.

I knew I had to get smarter. I attended every training there was and read and reread every book and manual. I searched for guidance from the District and the Council level and soon found that many positions were either empty or held by people not willing to do or learn much. During this time I began filling gaps, became well known started putting on events that were not happening and soon became one of the

Council Leaders. I soon held 10 positions at various levels of Scouting and provided the support and guidance needed for my Unit. I helped develop a monthly measurement tool that addressed everything all the organization including what boys needed to do to be successful. I could go on and on -- but as I left Utah and moved here, what was the effect of my 4 to 5 years of very hard work? My unit had 100% Eagle Scouts and was rated for the last six months as the best unit in America. I was also the District leader of 66 units. This District came from nowhere to be the number 1 rated District in America. I was selected as one of the first 15 leaders to go through the brand new Doctorate of Commissioner Service School in the BSA. I could go on page after page with life changing stories of many people. Was the effort worth it? I sense you know my answer.

Soon after coming to the Tri-Cities I had 3 Scouting Jobs but also joined the National Management Association (NMA). The next year I was asked to lead the American Enterprise (now called Community Service) function in our NMA Chapter. What happened that year was a wonderful opportunity to look at this Community and ask what areas of opportunity were missing that I had experienced in the larger city. One was the Junior Achievement (JA) Program.

I teamed with another man and brought JA to us and was the Community Chair for the first 2 years. I developed some needed youth and adult recognition, etc. I read every NMA book and idea over and over and looked at other programs for ideas. I set many goals and reviewed them daily and made quick plans with much action. I spent hundreds of hours per year on the efforts. Our Chapter had never been recognized with a National Award, but that very first year we came in as the National Champion in American Enterprise. I lead those efforts for 5 years, while training several others and we won all 5 years setting a National Record never approached.

I left after this time. I needed to grow elsewhere and people weren't letting me. They kept insisting I needed to stay in that position. What happened is the same thing that happened to my previous BSA Unit, they faded and never won again -- how sad that I couldn't learn how to preserve the level of success

without me being there. After 7 years of our NMA having a good Community Service Program, but not leading Nationally, I returned for one year. Now I knew we could win the National Award but I wanted more to put in place, something that would continue. I promised to lead for one year, but, I also promised to have someone else lead after that time. That year we shattered the National Record by 2 1/2 times -- this Community received great benefits. I helped rewrite books and contests -- we want to share our success. It is 4 years later. I still do about a third of the work there but we are still winning National Championships.

I'm ready to wrap up. I hope you don't think this was about me, it isn't. I'm not much different than any of the rest of you except some of you have more talents. I ask the question again -- what does EWC mean to us? My response is, when it means enough we will take off like gangbusters. I hope as individuals we will commit to be self-starters, that we will fulfill our commitments and continue to serve, that we will take what is available and will rewrite our abilities and action. The desired outcome -- EWC to be well known and a desired organization in many lives.

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***Regulatory Liaison Report***  
*From Marsha Beery*



## **EPA SOLICITS PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT GUIDANCE MEMO ON COMPLETION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION ACTIVITIES**

On February 27, 2002, EPA published a draft guidance memo (67 FR 9174) in the Federal Register entitled, "Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities," for public review and comment. The memo provides guidance to EPA Regional Offices and authorized States in determining when a corrective action at a RCRA treatment, storage, and disposal facility is complete. It describes two types of completion determinations - "corrective action complete" and "corrective action complete with controls." In cases where regulators determine that the corrective action is complete, no additional cleanup or monitoring would be required and the site would be eligible for release from financial assurance. The owner or operator would then be able to transfer the property or in some cases return previously used commercial or industrial property to productive use. In the case where regulators determine that the corrective action is complete with controls, the regulator would recognize that cleanup work has been performed to the extent that human health and the environment are protected, but monitoring of the site and other controls would still be needed to ensure that there will be no harm caused in the future. Financial assurance would be maintained in this instance. EPA is also soliciting public comment on certain issues including: (1) terminology the agency might use to describe the completion of corrective action determinations; (2) mechanisms, other than permits and orders, that might be used to implement institutional controls following a corrective action complete with controls decision; and (3) situations where a permit order could be eliminated because no additional action is required by the regulatory agency or site owner/ operator to implement the remaining controls. Comments on the memo must be received by EPA on or before April 29, 2002.

## **EPA ISSUES NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON WASHINGTON'S CLEAN AIR ACT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM**

On January 2, 2002, EPA published a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) (67 FR 72) in the Federal Register on Washington's Clean Air Act (CAA) Title V operating permit (AOP) program. Washington's AOP program is administered by two state agencies including Ecology and seven local air authorities. Of concern to EPA are provisions in Washington's rule which exempt insignificant emissions units (IEUs) from testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting and compliance certification requirements.

In 1995, the Washington State Petroleum Association, several

other companies, and Ecology petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit challenging EPA's initial determination that Washington must revise its IEU provisions as a condition of full approval of the AOP program. In 1996, the Court ruled in favor of the petitioners and required EPA to address inconsistencies in its Title V program as argued in court. In its decision, the court did not rule on whether Washington was meeting requirements of Part 70. The court then remanded the issue back to EPA instructing it to give full approval to Washington's IEU provisions. In August 2001, EPA granted full approval of Washington's program, however, it maintained that Part 70 does not allow the exemption of IEUs from testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting, and compliance certification. Since remand of the court decision, EPA has addressed the inconsistencies as the court ruled and is now issuing the NOD to Washington to comply with the Federal Title V rule. Washington has 18 months from the date EPA signed the NOD (June 14, 2003) to make corrections or the State faces withdrawal of its AOP program. Currently, Ecology and businesses are discussing options for responding to EPA's notice.

## **EPA PROPOSES TO AUTHORIZE ECOLOGY'S HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVISIONS**

On January 15, 2002, EPA published a proposed rule (67 FR 1931) in the Federal Register granting Ecology final authorization to operate its hazardous waste management program as amended. Ecology had submitted its authorization package with EPA in August 2, 2001, for amendments to the State's Dangerous Waste Regulations that were adopted in June 2000. EPA has determined that Ecology's revised program meets the statutory and regulatory requirements of RCRA. Ecology's rule revisions in this authorization include:

- \* Parts of the Hazardous Waste Identification Rule - Media;
- \* Parts of the Post Closure rule;
- \* Recycled Used Oil Management Standards;
- \* Land Disposal Restrictions Phases III and IV;
- \* Organic Air Emission Standards for Tanks, Surface Impoundments and Containers;
- \* Parts of the Federal Military Munitions rule; and
- \* Universal Waste Management Standards for Fluorescent Lamps.

## **EPA PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS DELEGATIONS' PROVISIONS**

On January 16, 2002, EPA published proposed rule amendments to 40 CFR, Part 63, Section 112(l)(67 FR 2286) of the CAA in the Federal Register to clarify which portions of the existing National

Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) contain authorities that can be delegated to State, Local, and Tribal (S/L/T) agencies. The changes EPA is proposing include:

- \* Addition and modification of the section on implementation and enforcement in each NESHAP describing the authorities that can be delegated to S/L/T agencies and those that would be retained by EPA;
- \* Reorganizing the standards sections in NESHAP to separate compliance assurance measures from actual standards; and
- \* Minor rephrasing of work practices and other standards developed under the authority of Section 112(h) to allow approval of delegable testing, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping authorities by S/L/T agencies and without rulemaking by EPA.

EPA is proposing these amendments because of inconsistencies in the existing NESHAPs, which were promulgated before a consistent rule format was developed. This action is intended to make it easier for EPA to delegate the program to the S/L/T agencies. EPA must receive comments on the proposed rule amendments on or before March 18, 2002.

that have been established. At the same time, the proposals are expected to eliminate non-essential paperwork. In this rulemaking, EPA proposes:

- Reducing reporting requirements for generators and treatment, storage and disposal facilities;
- Weekly hazardous waste tank inspections;
- Allowing facilities the opportunity to adjust the frequency of their self-inspections;
- Reducing the burden of RCRA personnel training requirements and eliminating an overlap with Occupational Safety and Health Administration training requirements; and
- Further elimination and streamlining of the Land Disposal Restrictions paperwork requirements.

Written comments must be received by April 17, 2002. The ACHMM (contact Tom Brown) is preparing a comment package.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fifth Annual National Workshop of the Multi-State Working Group on Environmental Management Systems (MSWG) is scheduled for June 3 and 4, 2002 this year. The theme is *“Learning Together: Moving to Higher Environmental Performance Using EMSs and Other Tools”*

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### **EPA PROPOSES TO REDUCE THE RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING BURDEN OF RCRA**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to reduce the recordkeeping and reporting burden the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) imposes on the states, the public, and the regulated community. The burden reduction ideas proposed will have no anticipated impact on the protections for human health and the environment

### ***Nominations for the 2002 National CHMM Awards Extended to April 15<sup>th</sup>***

It is time once again for you to nominate your peers for awards. Outstanding CHMMs are recognized annually for their achievements through this awards process.

The purpose of these awards is to promote and acknowledge the hazardous materials management profession in the areas of education, training, research and performance. Each year individuals and organizations are recognized for their

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