

EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

THE *CHAMPION OF EXCELLENCE* AWARD

What does it take to receive it?

What (*or Who*) is a *Champion of Excellence*? Each year a couple or few of our Chapter's members qualify for this fine award. The awards are submitted in the beginning of the year for the previous year and we would like to assure that many members have nominations submitted next year.

First, I would like our EWC-ACHMM members to become familiar with this award and second, be sure all of you that have earned the award have your nominations submitted next year.

If you believe you meet the award's eligibility, contact Bruce Vesper, Rampur Viswanath or myself (Terry Winward). We will provide a copy of the application form to you. Bruce was on the National Awards Committee for years and Rampur is the National Vice Chair this year.

Or, to find the nomination form on your own – go to the ACHMM Website at www.achmm.org. Then click on Leaders, then Awards, and then look at the bottom and click on the form. There are other award forms there, too, that you may wish to become familiar with.

I believe that a good number of our members should obtain this Award each year. You first need to know about it and how relatively easy it is to obtain. Relatively is a funny word and to some this is hard. It does require some extra and specific types of work, but all of us can do it, – so the relative comes in. I challenge each of you to get the information and set a goal to do the work and then report to Bruce that you have completed this by the end of the Calendar Year. The award is from calendar year to calendar year.

There are eight categories of Activities listed. You need to complete an activity in five of the categories. Brief examples are: (1) Make a contact to introduce the philosophy of CHMMs to a member of Academia, Industry, Business or Government; (2) Make a presentation to a Non-CHMM related civic groups about issues relevant to hazardous materials management;

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(3) Bring a prospective CHMM to a local Chapter meeting; (4) Serve in a leadership role as a Chapter or Academy officer, board member, committee chair or committee member; (5) Write an article for the Chapter or Academy newsletter; (6) Make a presentation at a CHMM Overview course or proctor a CHMM; (7) Write a letter to a regulatory agency or an elected government official concerning proposed environmental regulations (must be signed as a CHMM); and (8) Attend the National Meeting.

Let's see many more of our members earn this Award! And by the way, speak up, and let us know at the end of this year that you are qualified. You may want to keep a copy of the form handy and fill it in as you go.

There is also an award for *Chapter of the Year* and another for *Honor Roll of Champions for Chapters*. I believe that any Chapter that is swimming in *Champion of Excellence* awardees will be fit to receive both of these awards, as well. Chapters become what their individual members are willing to become.



ANNOUNCEMENT EWCACHMM 2003 Scholarships

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers intends to provide two scholarship awards (\$500 each) to eligible students attending a college or university with the aim to pursue a career in the hazardous materials management related field, i.e., environmental science, environmental health, preventive medicine, public health, industrial hygiene, environmental chemistry and engineering.

The application information and form are now available.

SCHOLARSHIPS — continued

Financial aid administrators and/or scholarship coordinators are requested to assist in posting or disseminating the application materials to inform students of the availability of the scholarship.

Students who are pursuing an academic degree in the fields described above are encouraged to submit application for consideration. Please carefully review the information and ensure that all requirements are met in the application package being submitted.

Applications are to be accepted for the current school year starting in the coming fall. The application must be received by October 31, 2003.

For further information or questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact the EWCACHMM Scholarship Committee Chair:

Jeannette Hyatt
EWCACHMM Scholarship Committee Chairperson
509-376-7923 (office)
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Or, email to: ewcachmm@owt.com (attention to Scholarship Chair)

Or, send by snail mail to:

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THE CALL IS OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARD NOMINATIONS

Additional information about the awards and application forms can be found at —
<http://users.owt.com/ewcachmm>

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award will be given to an outstanding individual for service in the area of hazardous materials management in the Eastern Washington Area. *The Recipient does NOT have to be a CHMM. This award is for INDIVIDUALS only.*

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT TO THE EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER AWARD

This award will be given to honor those individuals and institutions that have made extraordinary administrative, educational, scientific, financial, and/or operational contributions to the field of Environmental, Health & Safety, as determined by the EWC. Additional weight will be given for accomplishments during the previous calendar year. This award may be made to more than one individual or institution per year. *The Recipient does NOT have to be or include a CHMM. This award is for INDIVIDUALS or AGENCIES (please specify which type of Agency).*

EXCELLENCE IN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AWARD

This award will be given to an outstanding individual, team, organization or project that has demonstrated excellence in the area of hazardous materials management. The nominee(s) or group will have made an outstanding contribution to environmental, health and/or safety, during the current year. *The Recipient does NOT have to be or include a CHMM. This award is for GROUPS only.*

YOUNG CHMM of the YEAR

This award is given to the outstanding young (35 years of age or younger) CHMM member of EWC. The recipient, during the previous calendar year, will have made significant accomplishments in the Environmental, Health & Safety field while promoting the vision & mission of the Academy and EWC. The Recipient MUST be a CHMM. This award is for INDIVIDUALS only.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award is given for distinguished service or achievement in support of the Eastern Washington Chapter-ACHMM. This award shall be given to honor members of the EWC who have made outstanding accomplishments in the support of the field of Environmental, Health & Safety. The Recipient MUST be a CHMM or EWC Chapter member. This award is for INDIVIDUALS only.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

This award will be given each year to the member of the EWC that has contributed the most new members to the chapter in the preceding calendar year. The new members must have paid their dues for the previous year, either for the first time or after a lapse of their dues to the EWC. The Recipient MUST be a CHMM or a Chapter Member. This award is for INDIVIDUALS only.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Each year, the outgoing EWC president may award the President's award to one individual or institution that they deem has significant but otherwise unrecognized service to the Eastern Washington Chapter. The President will be the sole judge of the qualifications of the individual or institution for this award. The recipients and criteria for this award are at the total discretion of the outgoing president of the EWC.





From the Academy — Bookstore

Don't forget to order hats, mugs and lapel pins!

For ordering information, call 1-800-436-0137, or order from the web site at:

www.achmm.org

Regulatory Update!

U.S. DISTRICT COURT GRANTS SUMMARY JUDGMENT TO THE NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL REGARDING DOE ORDER 435.1

The U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho decided that DOE Order 435.1 was inconsistent with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) by promulgating Order 435.1 as it relates to waste incidental to re-processing (WIR). The National Resources Defense Council, et al. (NRDC) sued the DOE claiming that DOE's procedure for reclassifying some high-level waste as incidental waste and thereby allowing it to be subject to less stringent disposal criteria was invalid under the NWPA. NWPA's definition of high-level waste considers both the source of the waste and in the case of solids derived from liquid waste, its concentration of fission products.

The NWPA requires that high-level radioactive waste be disposed of in a permanent underground repository. The court also ruled that the NWPA requirements apply to defense-related high-level radioactive waste.

The NRDC alleged that Order 435.1 allowed DOE to reclassify thousands of gallons of high-level radioactive waste in tanks at the Hanford site, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the Savannah River Site as incidental waste.

Prior to this ruling, DOE had planned to manage any residual waste remaining in tanks after meeting retrieval goals (e.g., retrieve as much waste as technically possible, maximum residuals not to exceed 360 ft³ in 100 series tanks and 30 ft³ in 200 series tanks at Hanford) as incidental waste allowing disposal in place.

The DOE developed Order 435.1 to assure radioactive waste management practices are protective of workers, public health, safety, and the environment. The WIR determination process implemented risk assessment to assure that incidental waste met specific criteria prior to making WIR determinations. The WIR determination process was closely coordinated with both DOE Headquarters and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to assure its appropriateness.

This ruling could affect Hanford's strategy to cleanup radioactive wastes. For more information, contact Roni Swan of North Wind, Inc. at (509) 943-7900.

ECOLOGY PUBLISHES THE FINAL SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

On July 16, 2003, Ecology published the final rule (WSR 03-14-129) in the Washington State Register amending the *Surface Water Quality Standards* (SWQS), Chapter 173-201A which were adopted on July 1, 2003. The final rule is the culmination of 10 years of work by Ecology to complete a major overhaul of the SWQS regulation. The final rule includes:

- A new use-based system of organizing the standards which allows designated uses to be independently assigned to water bodies for protection;
- The addition of criteria to specifically protect native char, red-band trout and native warm water species;
- The use of char spawning and early tributary rearing and lower summer maximum temperatures were assigned to specific waterbodies throughout the state;
- Lower temperature criteria were assigned to better protect rearing use for nine former Class B water bodies that were designated for salmonid rearing only.
- A new bacteria indicator replaced the use of fecal coliform in the State's Class B and C marine waters to protect secondary water contact;

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- Designation for only salmonid rearing with lower temperature criteria; and
- The antidegradation policy was revised and substantial detail added to facilitate implementation.

The final rule amendment became effective August 1, 2003, however, the changes on the Federal Clean Water Act programs will not be effective until they have been approved by EPA. Also, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must concur that the changes would not violate the Federal Endangered Species Act. The revised regulation, responses to public comments, and other supporting information can be found on the Internet at: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs. For more information, contact Wayne Toebe of Fluor Hanford, Inc. at 372-2359.

**REFRIGERANT RECYCLING REGULATIONS
AMENDED, FINAL RULE PROMULGATED**

EPA published a final rule (68 FR 43785) in the Federal Register to amend the *Refrigerant Recycling Regulations under Section 608 of the CAA* on July 24, 2003. This final rule incorporates portions of its proposed rule (February 29, 1996) and considers addressing additional parts of the proposed rule at a later date.

The final rule becomes effective on September 22, 2003 (except for the certification of refrigerant *recycling-only* equipment which has an effective date of October 22, 2003).

The final rule's amendments contain:

- revisions to record keeping aspects of the Section 608 technician certification program;
- refines aspects of the refrigerant sales restriction;
- adopts updated versions of ARI Standard 700 and SRI Standard 740 both of which are industry standards previously adopted by EPA;
- clarifies the distinction between major and minor service, maintenance, and repair of appliances;
- amends several definitions; and
- sets forth procedures for the revocation and/or suspension of approval to certify technicians and refrigerant recycling and/or recycling equipment and revocation and /or suspension procedures for certification as a refrigerant reclaimer.

Three of the items discussed in the earlier EPA proposal (February 29, 1996) will not be completed as part of the final rule amendment:

(1) the potential adoption of a more flexible method for cleaning refrigerants where the refrigerants will be transferred between appliances with different ownership; (2) the potential adoption of a third-party certification program for reclaimers; and (3) the potential adoption of a third-party certification program for laboratories that verify refrigerant purity or level of contaminants. For more information, contact Kirk Peterson of Fluor Hanford, Inc. at (509) 372-2364.

**EPA AMENDS THE RISK MANAGEMENT
PLANNING REGULATIONS UNDER THE
CLEAN AIR ACT**

EPA published proposed amendments (68 FR 45123) in the Federal Register to the risk management planning (RMP) regulations under the *accidental release prevention provisions of the Clean Air Act* on July 31, 2003.

The RMP regulations require owners and operators of stationary sources to submit risk management plans to federal, state, local emergency planning and response organizations and the public after an accidental release. Through this action, EPA is proposing to:

- Modify the resubmission schedule under the risk management program to six—months for sources who have significant accidents and to one month for those who change the information for the emergency contact;
- Add three data elements to the RMP;
- Remove the regulatory requirement to discuss the off-site consequence analysis in the executive summary of the RMP; and
- Make several revisions to the RMP submission format.

The proposed amendments are intended to improve the accident prevention and reporting programs for regulated sources and to assist federal, state and local RMP implementation in light of the homeland security concerns.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received in EPA by September 15, 2003. For more information, contact Kirk Peterson of Fluor Hanford, Inc. at (509) 372-2364.



Upcoming Events!

Chapter Meetings

- **Frederick Wolf, from ACHMM's National office, is scheduled to provide a presentation on September 30th, Tuesday, at the Richland Library Gallery at 7:00 p.m. His area of expertise is *Normal Accident Theory*. Refreshments and a social are scheduled for 6:30 p.m.**
- **For the October meeting, a tour of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory (LIGO) is being planned, so watch for more details regarding the date and time.**
- **And, mark your calendar's for the upcoming Round Table with the Department of Energy now being planned for November.**

Annual Holiday Dinner

The 2003 Annual Holiday/Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet is scheduled for December 11th, Thursday evening, at the Shilo Inn in Richland. The Social Hour is to begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is planned for 6:30 p.m. The Awards Ceremony and Presentations are to begin at 7:00 p.m. The Menu planned this year is a *Spectacular Holiday Buffet*. The membership dues for 2004 remain \$25. The dinner cost is \$25 for members and non-members. There will be \$10 off for the dinner cost for members with renewal of their membership.

