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**EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The Chapter is off to a good start this year. It has been very nice to see fellow CHMMs, affiliates, and several new faces at our meetings. We have had a good turnout for both of the technical presentations. In February, Mike Truex of PNNL provided an excellent presentation on Treatability Testing of Bioremediation for Nitrate and Chromium at Hanford. In April, Jerry Hipp of Parsons presented safety and health issues with New Chemical Demilitarization Processes. Both topics were captivatingly interesting and well done. Our next planned event will be a tour of the PermaFix facility in North Richland.

The Chapter sponsored two monetary awards at the Mid-Columbia Science Fair held in Richland, WA. **Eric Damarias**, a Sunnyside High School student, received the Sr. level award for his project, *Reducing Radon Concentrations Using Dicots*. **Jacob Bredt**, a Chief Joseph Middle School student, received the Jr. level award for his project, *Ignition Temperatures of Black Powder under the Effect of Sulfur*. Honorable mention certificates at Jr. level were presented to **Katherine Virden**, of Christ the King, and to **Zoe Hernandez** and **Ryan Rutherford**, both of West Valley Middle School. Funding for the EWC sponsorship was obtained from a CHMMunity grant provided by the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals. I was honored to be able to present the awards with our Awards Chairman, Scot Adams, at Chief Jo Auditorium on March 14.

The National Conference will be in San Diego, CA, this year, August 30 through September 2. Early bird registration is due by July 31. If you are planning to go, get your reservations in soon. The Chapter Delegate to the conference this year is Mike Schmoltdt, our current Vice President. The delegate has several responsibilities while at the conference and will also be the spokesperson for relaying information back to the EWC.

Roni Swan is working diligently to arrange our annual winery social event. We are shooting for a date of August 14<sup>th</sup>. A couple of different locations are currently being evaluated and we will let you know as soon as the decision has been made, but mark it on your calendar. Many of you come out for that event each year and we do have a wonderful time together! Watch for upcoming details!

The hot months are upon us. Remember when you are out in the sun to protect yourself. Prolonged exposure can be dangerous! Keep hydrated with sufficient water. And consider that the deep, dark beautiful tan you have today can eventually make you look like a piece of jerky! Take along common sense and moderation and have a happy, safe, and healthy summer! — Robbie

**EWC Tour of Perma-Fix NorthWest in Richland**

On June 11th, the Eastern Washington Chapter of CHMMs will tour the Perma-Fix radioactive waste treatment facility in Richland Washington. The tour will start at 5:30 PM and may go through 7 PM. This is a good opportunity to hear about a local facility that supplies nuclear waste services to companies across the US. This is a special opportunity for those people interested in waste treatment approaches. The facility just completed a revised license submittal; this may interest some people.

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# PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR UPCOMING EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER AWARDS

By Scot Adams

Recently, Chapter members completed nominations for a number of awards that will be presented at the National Conference in San Diego this year. Now, it is time to turn towards the EWC annual Chapter awards program. This is an early reminder that nominations will be needed in the fall for these awards. The submission schedule for nominations will be announced this fall. The Awards will be presented at the annual holiday dinner/awards meeting.

Some of these awards are company supported and some are Chapter supported. Some of these are open to all area professionals conducting activities that align with the mission of CHMM/ AHMP. Other awards are open to CHMM/ AHMP Chapter members and acknowledge their contributions and achievements. Some awards are for individuals and one is for an organization; another Award addresses either an individual or an organization (listed below).

Additional reminders will be forthcoming in the next few months. We also plan to contact companies/organizations to directly encourage nominations. In the past, it has been hard to get nominations because professionals take for granted the work that they and their coworkers do. They tend to think they are doing work that is just part of a functioning organization. There is an enormous amount of money being spent and many individuals are involved in risk-prevention/risk-reduction activities. The number of potential nominees is actually numerous. Your help will be necessary to help identify worthy individuals and organizations.

General Description of Awards and Identification of Donor Organizations:

[http://www.ewcachmm.org/award\\_Forms.html](http://www.ewcachmm.org/award_Forms.html)

[\*\*Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year Award\*\*](#)

<http://www.ewcachmm.org/PDF/award/Haz-Mat-Manager.pdf>

[\*\*Membership Award\*\*](#)

<http://www.ewcachmm.org/PDF/award/Membership.pdf>

[\*\*Meritorious Achievement to the EWCACHMM Award\*\*](#)

<http://www.ewcachmm.org/PDF/award/Meritorious.pdf>

[\*\*Outstanding Service Award\*\*](#)

<http://www.ewcachmm.org/PDF/award/Outstanding.pdf>

[\*\*Hazardous Materials Identification and Control Research Award\*\*](#)

<http://www.ewcachmm.org/PDF/award/Research.pdf>

[\*\*Young CHMM of the Year Award\*\*](#)

<http://www.ewcachmm.org/PDF/award/Young-CHMM.pdf>

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## EWC Provides Awards to the Mid-Columbia Regional Science Fair

The Eastern Washington Chapter (EWC) provided awards for the Mid-Columbia Regional Science Fair in March. Funds for these awards were the result of winning a grant from a CHMMunity® Outreach Program. The awards criteria were established by EWC criteria and EWC members selected the winners. The award ceremony was held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Chief Joseph Middle School Auditorium in Richland, Washington.



The CHMMunity® Outreach Program is a national community service initiative established to encourage Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (CHMMs) to promote proactive environmental, health and safety management of hazardous materials in their communities. The CHMMunity® Outreach Program aims to provide expertise to a deserving cause or locality. It serves to create meaningful connections and activities for CHMMs, chapter members, and the public. Additionally, the goal is to educate the public about environmental, health and safety concerns as well as hazardous materials issues.

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## Chapter Member Profile



Mr. Russ E Johnson, CHMM and member of the EWC, has been named at VIP level as one of the top ten in his field in the *Cambridge Who's Who* 2009-2010 edition. Russ has expertise in both environ-

mental engineering and chemistry. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Idaho and is graduating this year with a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering from Washington State University. In 1998, he was a speaker for at the DOE/NRC Nuclear Air Cleaning and Treatment Conference. In 2008, he was named Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year by Washington River Protection Solutions.

At Hanford, Russ supports the Mission Support Contract (MSC). He is responsible for overseeing inventory reporting, toxic release information reporting, and air pollution emissions reporting to the State of Washington and

the Environmental Protection Agency. The MSC has general responsibility for Hanford's Site Information Resource Management, Security, and Classified and Unclassified Cyber Security programmatic and technical implementations. The MSC also has responsibility for the Site's information technology systems, its applications infrastructure, and cyber security, including the network and telecommunications infrastructure under DOE-RL.

Russ has been an instructor for the EWC's Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management course for the past few years. He covers Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA), which is directly in line with his expertise and MSC position.

Russ was born in Boise, Idaho. He is married to Char and has two children, Jason and Jennifer. Russ also plays the trumpet and does puppeteering for his local church. He also has a second business preparing tax documents in Richland.

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## E-Cycle Washington is Here!

Washington now has free, convenient and environmentally responsible recycling program for computers, monitors, laptops and televisions.

Who can use the program?

Households, small businesses, schools & school districts, small governments, special purpose districts, and charities can recycle electronic products free of charge in this program.

Where can I recycle?

Call 1-800-RECYCLE or visit [1800recycle.wa.gov](http://1800recycle.wa.gov) online to find electronic product recycling services in your area. In Richland/Kennewick, Horn Rapids Landfill, Clayton Ward, Best Buy, and Home Depot have indicated that they can accept the items. In Pasco, Auto Zone and the Basin Transfer Station are good candidates for accepting these items.

What can I recycle for free?

- televisions

- computers
- computer monitors
- portable or laptop computers

Please note that computer peripherals such as keyboards, mice, and printers are not included in this program.

Why recycle electronics?

Many electronics, especially TVs and computers, contain toxic materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury. Reusing and recycling electronics keeps these toxic materials out of our landfills and incinerators and also recovers valuable resources. The electronic equipment this program collects will be taken apart and separated into materials such as glass, plastic, metal and toxic chemicals. All recycling will follow performance standards set up by the Department of Ecology.



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## Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM) Course

Now Scheduled September 16-18<sup>th</sup> at WSU TC CIC

# Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) Announces 15,000th Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) Credential Awarded

## Major Milestone Highlights the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management's 25th Anniversary

**ROCKVILLE, MD (May 5, 2009)** - The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) announced today that Erik P. Delaney, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, has become the industry's 15,000th CHMM. The CHMM certification recognizes environmental, health, safety, and security professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in their field of work, a commitment to public safety and the environment, and a dedication to the highest professional and ethical standards.

"First and foremost, earning the CHMM certification is really a great honor when you consider the exclusivity of the certification and the company that I am now in also includes Lisa Jackson, the current Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency," Mr. Delaney remarked when he was notified that he is the 15,000th individual to earn the CHMM certification. "I sought the CHMM certification to both demonstrate and maintain my professional competency, and I have truly 'stood on the shoulders of giants' getting to where I am!"

Mr. Delaney credits his family, senior managers, colleagues, Marine Corps experience, and education with making his achievements possible. Since late 2006, Mr. Delaney has served the Marine Corps as a civilian environmental protection specialist at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) at Cherry Point, North Carolina. His specialty fields are EH&S management, hazmat management, EH&S auditing and inspections, and hazmat and safety management. He has trained military personnel, conducted audits and inspections, and supported 25 individual units at MCAS.

"Mr. Delaney's accomplishments, knowledge, and experience truly reflect the excellence embodied by the CHMM credential," said Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Chair of the IHMM Board of Directors, and Environmental Compliance Officer with BMW of North America. "He has distinguished himself by the breadth and depth of his knowledge regarding the management of hazardous materials, and through the professionalism he exhibits in dealing with the public, his co-workers, and other industry professionals."

"As a civilian environmental protection specialist, Mr. De-

laney has demonstrated superlative skills in handling hazardous material and waste issues, many times going above and beyond what is traditionally required for his position," stated Orathai Bulfer, an environmental scientist and one of Erik's colleagues. "He is comfortable speaking and negotiating with regulators, which is testament to his vast field of knowledge."

Another colleague, Ronald J. Rostek, Jr., Erik's reporting senior and reviewing officer while in the military noted that "Erik's leadership, judgment and technical abilities far surpass many of his contemporaries, and I believe him to be of the highest moral character."

### About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM)

IHMM is a nonprofit organization that protects the public's health and safety through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals in the government, private, and corporate sectors who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials. Over 15,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM's accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP) credential and the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training (HMMT) program. For more information on IHMM please visit [www.ihmm.org](http://www.ihmm.org), or contact us at 301-984-8969.

### Upcoming EWC Meetings

#### General Meetings (Open to Public - Locations to be Announced)

- June 11<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting
- August 13<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting (may be rescheduled to accommodate the winery social)
- October 8<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting
- December 10<sup>th</sup> - Banquet

#### EWC Executive (Business) Meetings:

- July 9<sup>th</sup>
- September 10<sup>th</sup>
- November 12<sup>th</sup>