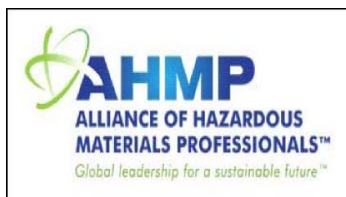


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EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF THE ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS NEWSLETTER



## Executive Committee's Corner



It is hard to believe the year is half over and summer is already here! The days are getting longer and the pool covers are off. It is great to see the boaters, kayakers, and campers enjoying themselves this time of year.

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#### Current Officers:

President: Chuck Mulkey  
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Treasurer:– Chuck Mulkey  
Past President: Wade Winters

#### Committee Chairs:

Professional Development: Mike Schmoltd  
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Relations & Awards: Scot Adams  
Government Liaison: Harold Tilden  
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Newsletter: Roni Ashley

#### Past Presidents:

2014 – Wade Winters  
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2012 – Chuck Mulkey  
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2009 – Robbie Tidwell  
2008 – Mark Riess  
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2006 – Robbie Tidwell  
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2001 – Stan Jones  
2000 – Roni Swan  
1999 – Chris Brevick  
1998 – Robert Newell  
1997 – Delores Lutter  
1996 – Terry Ostrander  
1995 – Bill Holstein  
1994 – Brian Dixon  
1993 – Bruce Vesper

Your Executive Committee has been very busy setting up presentations and tours, including the tips and tricks of Satellite Accumulation Areas held in March, an overview of a major Superfund Site in Pasco that was held in April and a presentation regarding the current changes to the Dangerous Waste regulations held in June.

In May, Scot Adams coordinated a well-attended tour of the Permafix Northwest treatment facility in Richland.

In addition, Scot Adams coordinated providing awards to two winning students that participated in the Mid-Columbia Engineering and Science Fair.

What is coming up next? Look in your mailboxes for a future request to develop the 2016 EWC award nominations that will be sent soon.

Also, a CHMM overview course, or specialized training event, is being contemplated. If you are interested in attending an upcoming course or becoming an instructor, send Chuck Mulkey a note regarding what you are interested in. The EWC is focused on bringing you the information and networking opportunities that you seek.

We are looking for candidates to take the positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer next year. A strong leadership team is needed for the future of EWC. If you have any questions, contact any one of our current executive committee members for more information.



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## Awards Presented by EWC-ACHMM to Students at the *Mid-Columbia Regional Science and Engineering Fair*, in Richland, WA



Hundreds of Eastern Washington students, in grades 6 through 12, displayed science and engineering projects at the Columbia Center Mall in Kennewick, WA. This year's fair was held March 10-12, 2016. The quality of their projects was outstanding.

The EWC-ACHMM selected award winners that met the CHMM criteria. The areas of focus included environmental, waste management, industrial hygiene, and hazardous material response. The winners of the EWC awards are listed below:

Grade school (7th Grade)

Nora Cox

West Valley Junior High School

Topic- *What Types of Water Plants Can Purify Waste Water*

High School- (12th Grade)

Stacia Lesser

Odessa High School

Topic- *Mount St. Helens Ash Used as a Temporal Marker for Radioactive Cesium-137 Fallout*

Each student received a framed certificate and a check for \$100.

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## *Upcoming Training Courses Planned for Spring 2017*

**We are planning to hold an overview course in Spring 2017. We would like to tailor the course around your topics of interest. If you have a topic of interest, please contact Chuck Mulkey at [Charles H Mulkey@rl.gov](mailto:Charles.H.Mulkey@rl.gov).**



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## Regulatory News

*June 30, 2016, The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act* - On June 22, 2016, President Obama signed into law the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act which amends the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), the Nation's primary chemicals management law. The new law, which received bipartisan support in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, includes much needed improvements such as: Mandatory requirement for EPA to evaluate existing chemicals with clear and enforceable deadlines; New risk-based safety standard; Increased public transparency for chemical information; and Consistent source of funding for EPA to carry out the responsibilities under the new law.

*June 28, 2016, Volkswagen Clean Air Act Partial Settlement* - On June 28, 2016, the United States lodged with the court a settlement with automakers Volkswagen AG, Audi AG, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., and Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations, LLC. The settlement partially resolves allegations that Volkswagen violated the Clean Air Act. The allegations were set forth in a complaint filed by the United States on January 4, 2016, on behalf of the EPA, alleging that these vehicles are equipped with defeat devices in the form of computer software designed to cheat on federal emissions tests. The settlement is a partial settlement because it only addresses what Volkswagen must do to address the 2.0 liter cars on the road and the pollution from these vehicles, and does not address other aspects of the United States' complaint. The major excess pollutant at issue in this case is oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and is a serious health concern

*June 23, 2016, Greening America's Communities* - EPA has selected six cities for technical assistance with sustainable design strategies under its Greening America's Communities (GAC) program. The 2016 cities chosen for assistance are: Columbia, SC; Brownsville, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; Muscatine, IA; Honolulu, HI; and Multnomah County, OR.

*June 7, 2016, Incorporating Environmental Justice into Regulatory Efforts* - EPA recently issued its first-ever *Technical Guidance for Assessing Environmental Justice in Regulatory Analysis*. This guidance represents a significant step towards ensuring the impacts of EPA regulations on vulnerable populations are understood and considered in the decision-making process. The EJ Technical Guidance improves our ability to perform some of the most important work we do. Better integrating environmental justice in EPA's core regulatory function is essential to ensure that all Americans, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or income level, have access to clean water, clean air, and healthy communities.

*May 31, 2015, EPA Awards Environmental Education Grants in 26 States* - EPA has announced the completion of grant awards under the 2015 Environmental Education (EE) Grants Program. EPA will award grants under the 2016 EE Grants Program later this year. Projects address a range of topics and audiences, including tribal middle school education in Washington, watershed literacy in Montana, urban agriculture in Oklahoma, teacher training in Louisiana, green infrastructure in Ohio, and EE in community colleges in New England.

*April 6, 2016, EPA Releases Draft Biological Evaluations of Three Chemicals' Impacts on Endangered Species* - EPA has released for public comment the first-ever draft biological evaluations analyzing the nationwide effects of chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion on endangered and threatened species and designated critical habitat. Partial evaluations, without the effects determinations, were released in December 2015.

*April 6, 2016, EPA Takes Action to Reduce Exposure to TCE in Art and Crafts Spray Fixatives* - EPA has finalized a significant new use rule (SNUR) for trichloroethylene (TCE). The significant new use is the manufacture or processing for use in a consumer product, with an exception for use of TCE in cleaners and solvent degreasers, film cleaners, hoof polishes, lubricants, mirror edge sealants, and pepper spray.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In November 2015, Congress enacted legislation requiring federal agencies to adjust their civil penalties to account for inflation. The Department of Labor is adjusting penalties for its agencies, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA's maximum penalties, which were last adjusted in 1990, will increase by 78 percent. Going forward, the agency will continue to adjust its penalties for inflation each year based on the Consumer Price Index.

The new penalties will take effect after August 1, 2016. Any citations issued by OSHA after that date will be subject to the new penalties if the related violations occurred after November 2, 2015. To provide guidance to field staff on the implementation of the new penalties, OSHA will issue revisions to its Field Operations Manual by August 1. To address the impact of these penalty increases on smaller businesses, OSHA will continue to provide penalty reductions based on the size of the employer and other factors.

## Public Involvement Calendar, WA State Department of Ecology

### **Jul 26 2016 9:30AM- 4:00PM, Solid Waste Handling Standards workshop**

Public workshop to discuss preliminary draft language updating WAC 173-350, "Solid Waste Handling Standards."

**Location:** Hal Holmes Center, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg, WA

**Sponsor:** Ecology

**Contact:** Andy Wineke

### **Jul 27 2016 9:30AM-4:00PM, Solid Waste Handling Standards workshop**

Public workshop to discuss preliminary draft language updating WAC 173-350, "Solid Waste Handling Standards."

**Location:** CenterPlace Regional Events Center, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

**Sponsor:** Ecology

**Contact:** Andy Wineke

