

EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



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Attendance at Chapter Meetings and Recertification Points

For a couple of years now, I have heard concerns about the number of Chapter meetings and recertification points. There has been a lot of misinformation about how these two subjects interact. Some time in the past the recertification rules were modified and at that time credits for attending Chapter meetings were changed. You can get credit for attending Chapter meetings and Tours now in two categories.

The first category is an optional one in which if you are an officer or committee chair you get two certification maintenance points (CMPs) a year. There are 17 CMPs needed in the 5 years and for most of us this general requirement is not hard for 2 CMPs a year are granted for full time employment in the areas most of us work in. So in brief, if you are active in the chapter, the 17 points come easy. Now in the category you get 2 CMPs for being an officer or committee head you can get 1 CMP for each year for attending more than 50% of the Chapter meetings in that year. Please note this is an optional requirement area in which most of us would not need the points.

However, of the several areas in which you can obtain points, there is one area in which you must obtain 1.25 CMPs a year. That area is Continuing Education and Professional Development. There are 3 subcategories here to get the points but for most of us, this is the area we must be careful, to qualify for each year. Now for attending a Chapter meeting or tour you can obtain 0.125 points per meeting. Since we have 10 meetings a year to choose from if you attend all 10 you get the needed points. If you miss any of the meetings you need to attend College Courses or Professional Development Conferences/Courses/Seminars or attend Continuing Education/Refresher Courses to pick up the points each year. Again this is the only area where points are required from and a minimum number in each of the 5 year, so be careful to qualify in this area.

The bottom line is by having ten meetings a year we are helping you in a required area where points are required. To clarify further, our December meeting is a make-up meeting and can be counted in each area. So if you attend 5 meetings, as an example, you can get the 1 CMP in the optional

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area and 0.625 CPM credit toward the required 1.25 CPMs needed in the yearly required area.

If you go out to the Institute's or Academy's web you can find the exact recertification requirements. Most have found that keeping these up current each year makes the recertification process much easier. The Chapter helps here by keeping track of certain of these areas such as meeting attendance. There is some concern that 10 meetings a year may be too much and we are looking into this but at present we are trying to vary the meetings in such a way to catch a broad interest and if you want to only attend 5 it will not hurt your recertification if you attend other educational opportunities that fill in the needed CMPs. One thing that will help our meetings is to have you there. An example is this month, when we went on a tour of the Consolidated Information Center (CIC), or Library. Some of you probably thought you knew all you needed to about the CIC as did I, but I went and I was humbled to know I didn't really know much of what I learned. Come and help us all learn more.



BENTON COUNTY AND THE EWC-ACHMM ASSIST LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

The Benton County Regional Moderate Risk Waste Facility (BCRMRWF) has received a grant agreement from the Department of Ecology that will provide up to \$16,000 in reimbursement for the costs incurred in operating a *Rehab the Lab* program at Benton County area high schools. The *School Lab Rehabilitation Grant Program* is part of a larger state-wide effort to address middle and high school science labs in Washington. This program is intended to provide high school science teachers the opportunity to clean up their science labs and receive educational information pertaining to safe laboratory management methods.

Each grant applicant must demonstrate the ability to carry out certain components of the program before a grant will be awarded. After the application was submitted, an Ecology grant officer initiated an individual consultation. The consultation topics included working with school staff, coordinating audit and disposal efforts, selecting a qualified contractor, and providing educational information. BCRMRWF staff intends on drawing on the experience of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Material Managers (ACHMM) to address the majority of the program components. This group of individuals will volunteer their time and provide additional technical expertise. The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM), established in 1985, is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to fostering professional development through continuing education, peer group interaction, the exchange of ideas and information relating to hazardous materials management.

The CHMM program is accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) and remains one of a select few accredited credentials in the environmental profession. The ACHMM has qualified individuals that will perform laboratory audits and provide science teachers with information regarding good chemical management and pollution prevention techniques. BCRMRWF staff will administer other aspects of the grant such as selecting a qualified contractor, coordinating disposal efforts, and working with school staff.

There are ten high schools in Benton County that are eligible for the *Rehab the Lab* program

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Although the lab assessment and disposal costs will not be known until the actual lab audits are conducted, a general cap of \$5,000 dollars per high school has been established with the understanding that more funding for a particular applicant will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The total project costs are not expected to exceed \$20,000.

The state-grant share is \$16,000 and the local share is \$4,000. This portion is the 25% of the packing, transportation, disposal and education costs schools would be required to match.

The BCMRWF is still accepting agreements from high schools willing to participate in the program. The BCMRWF will notify Richland City Council of the grant request and wait for approval before start-up.



FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.:

EPA RELEASES FINAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST SURFACE WATER QUALITY TEMPERATURE GUIDANCE

On April 29, 2003, EPA released the final guidance entitled, "EPA Region 10 Guidance for the Pacific Northwest State and Tribal Temperature Water Quality Standards" (Guidance). The Guidance is intended to assist states and tribes in adopting water quality standards for temperature that EPA can approve, consistent with the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Guidance is the product of a 3-year collaborative effort among EPA, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Washington State Department of Ecology, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nez Perce Tribe, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The EPA previously issued two drafts for public review in October 2001 and 2002 and received numerous public comments. The Guidance contains the following recommendations:

- Establishing temperature criteria to protect salmon and trout
- Protecting existing cold waters
- Protecting fish in the vicinity of point-source discharges
- Outlining approaches a State or Tribe could take to address situations where the recommended temperature criteria will be unattainable or inappropriate.

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Water temperature criteria are used for determining waters that do not attain water quality standards under the CWA 303(d) list and require the development of the Total Maximum Daily Load that is used to calculate the temperature reduction needed from contributing sources to meet the criteria. Criteria also are used to set effluent limits for sources in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System program and used by states for non-point control programs. The Guidance does not substitute for applicable legal requirements and it is not a regulation; rather, the guidance represents one approach for water temperature standards that states and tribes can adopt that likely would be approved by the EPA. The EPA has stated that the Guidance is optional and states and tribes can adopt alternative standards as long as the EPA determines the standards meet the CWA and ESA. For more information, email or call [Marsha A. Beery@rl.gov](mailto:Marsha.A.Beery@rl.gov) at (360) 709-0664 with Flour Hanford Compliance Services.

FROM OLYMPIA:

ECOLOGY RELEASES FY 2004-2005 PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

On April 29, 2003, Ecology released the "FY 2004-2005 Performance Partnership Agreement" (PPA) for public review and comment. The PPA documents contractual commitments between EPA and Ecology on activities of the State's nuclear waste, water quality and air programs, and covers the period July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005. The purpose of the PPA is to provide the following:

- Establish mutual environmental goals, strategies, activities, and performance measurement for State FY's 2004 and 2005
- Maintain a core level of environmental protection for all of the State's citizens
- Measure environmental progress using indicators that are reflective of environmental conditions, trends, and results
- Allocate Ecology and EPA, Region 10, resources to the highest environmental priorities of the state
- Establish a joint work plan for administering the federal grant dollars that EPA, Region 10, provides to Ecology for air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste management.

Comments on the PPA must be received by Ecology on or before May 30, 2003. The PPA can be found on the Internet at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0301019.html>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EWC-ACHMM EXPO WINNERS!

- Cliff Hampton
- Terry Watson
- Scott Allen

