

# EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



**Eastern Washington Chapter of  
the Academy of Certified  
Hazardous Materials Managers**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone is settling into a productive and enjoyable 2005.

The National ACHMM Leadership Conference was held at the Pasco Red Lion Hotel on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and was considered to be one of the most successful ever held. The EWC was praised by the National Board for our support and assistance with this event. After the Leadership Conference, a National ACHMM Executive Board Meeting followed.

The conference included various leadership presentations and workshops. We hope you were able to stop by and meet some of our National Board Members. This was an excellent opportunity to interface with them.

Also, the 2005 ACHMM National Conference, "Gateway to the Future of EHS Management", will be held in St. Louis this September. Check out the web site at <http://www2.kuce.org/achmm/> to start planning your arrangements.

Locally, our next Chapter Meeting will be a potluck picnic with the American Chemical Society (ACS). It will be held at Leslie Groves Park in Richland, the evening of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. So pack the family and a dish to share. We hope to see you there.

In September, when I start my maternity leave, I will be turning over the Chapter's Presidency to the very capable hands of Ms. Robbie Tidwell. I will remain in contact (as much as the little one will allow). I do hope to be back in action to present the Chapter's awards at our annual Holiday Party in December.

It has been and continues to be, both an honor and privilege to serve as your Chapter President. I would like to thank the many Members, Committee Chairs, and Executive Board Members and Officers that have made and continue to make 2005 a successful year for our Eastern Washington Chapter. THANK YOU!!

## Joint Picnic on Friday, June 3rd

The next general meeting on Friday June 3, @ 5:30 p.m. has been set aside for joint picnic with ACS and AICHE at Leslie Groves Park (Pavilion #2). Food and drinks will be provided. However, it has been suggested that you bring a side dish or dessert. Both members and nonmembers are invited. We welcome having the opportunity to meet you and to explain our local activities to you.

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW COURSE

**WHEN:** September 20 - 22, 2005

**WHERE:** Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center, Richland

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Managers, emergency responders, remediation workers, compliance officers, safety professionals, environmental professionals, hazardous material specialists, and others whose job duties involve hazardous material use, storage, disposal, or cleanup.

**COURSE CONTENT:** This course provides an up-to-date overview of hazardous materials management and regulatory information. It provides working professionals with current information to help them maintain proficiency. Topics relating to safe, compliant, and effective management of hazardous materials are reviewed.

**Register for the 3-day course by contacting Libby Sickler (509) 376-7117.**

**Optional CHMM Certification Exam:** For those wishing to obtain the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager credential, an exam is being offered in Richland on October 7th. Those wishing to take the exam must contact the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management for the necessary application forms. The application must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the exam (by August 26th for the October 7th exam). Contact information for the Institute follows:

Institute of Hazardous Materials Management  
11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 220  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone (301) 984-8969  
email: [www.IHMM.org](http://www.IHMM.org)

Questions about the 3-day course or the optional CHMM exam: Contact Lucinda Borneman at (509) 373-2821, or [Lucinda E Borneman@rl.gov](mailto:Lucinda_E_Borneman@rl.gov).

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## Leadership Conference Highlights

*The following article was taken from a presentation by one of the speakers at the Leadership Conference. It was an interesting talk since a scene from Donald Trump's television program "The Apprentice" was used as a video aid.*

*Adriane Borgias has worked for over 25 years in the energy industry and with Indian tribes. She is currently the owner of fusion environment&energy, LLC, an environmental consulting firm with offices in Spokane, Washington and Bend, Oregon. She is experienced in agency collaboration, regulatory review, environmental management systems, auditing and continuous improvement, hazardous materials and waste compliance, pipeline construction and inspection, site assessment, investigation and remediation. Her most recent interests have been in collaborative decision-making and she has worked with American Indian Tribes in the Pacific Northwest, as a participant on the Intertribal Council on Hanford Health Effects, Pacific Northwest Tribal Air Network, and the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative in establishing the TMDL for the Kootenai River Watershed. Adriane is a former licensed nuclear reactor operator, a contributor to Women in Chemistry and Physics, and has been profiled in Northwest Women in Science.*

*Adriane has been a CHMM since 1986, and is well known to ACHMM members as co-founder of the Northern California Chapter, and past president of the National ACHMM. She received the ACHMM President's Award for Outstanding Service in 1990, and the Founder's Award in 1996. She is currently technical editor of the ACHMM book, Hazardous Materials Management Desk Reference.*

### Visionary Leadership: Living Life with Integrity

By Adriane P. Borgias, MSEM, CHMM

When was the last time you were asked to be a leader? Perhaps it you were serving on an ACHMM committee, becoming active with a local community organization or being a mentor and example for a young person. We often seek to be a leader or desire leadership positions and as a result end up in a position of power. There are many forms of power ranging from political position and elected office to developing one's own personal power. In my life, I characterize leadership as "living life with integrity."

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# CHMM SPOTLIGHT

Peggy Williamson, a Master Level CHMM, achieved the rank of CHMM in May of 1993. Her completion of the program was as a result of mentoring by Adriane Borgias of Fusion Environment & Energy, LLC. Ms. Williamson's motivation to achieve the certification was the value the organization placed on demonstrated skill and continuing education. Passing the CHMM exam offered Ms. Williamson the ability to demonstrate a knowledge base of equal complexity and difficulty to the CIH, CSP, PG or PE.

As a longtime environmental consultant and employee with Fulcrum Environmental Consulting, Inc. (Fulcrum), Peggy has had the opportunity to utilize her CHMM acquired skills on a variety of challenging projects. Her projects have included locating historically landfilled arsenic pesticides in a remote forest, designing and managing abatement projects on industrial and commercial sites, investigating orchard sites prior to development, and completing construction safety audits. Recently, Fulcrum completed a transfer of ownership that had been in the planning stages for more than 7 years. With this new structure, Ms. Williamson was chosen as Fulcrum's President. Her responsibilities include client development, new service expansion, project management, refine corporate philosophy and focus corporate decisions. Although these corporate tasks demand more time and are often less rewarding, Ms. Williamson still makes time to take on and complete new and challenging projects.

Fulcrum provides a variety of environmental and safety services designed to balance current regulations, time constraints, funding structures and availability. We are a leader in the Central and Eastern Washington environmental consulting industry and offer comprehensive professional services in a wide range of environmental services including:

- Hazardous Material Identification, Management, Remediation Design, Project Management
- Environmental Site Assessments, Phase I, II and III
- Subsurface and Groundwater Investigations and Remediation, including Fuel Tanks
- Industrial Hygiene and Employee Exposure Assessments
- Indoor Air Quality Assessment and Remediation Design
- Construction Safety Program Assessments
- Customized Environmental and Safety Training

Fulcrum has had an office in Spokane since 1991 and in the Yakima Valley since 1994, though our corporate roots stretch back through Bison Engineering, Inc. of Helena, Montana in the mid-1980s. Fulcrum's regional presence allows us to provide cost effective technical services throughout Central and Eastern Washington, Central and Eastern Oregon, Northern Idaho and Western Montana.

Fulcrum is dedicated to working alongside our clients to maintain balance between duty of care, client corporate vision, and cost benefit. That balance requires more than management experience, scientific expertise and engineering skills, though they play an important role. Balance requires commitment, compromise, communication, and human relation skills. Fulcrum's most valuable resource is our qualified staff, professionals committed to teamwork, client service, attention to detail, and effective communication. Our staff includes Licensed Geologists, Licensed Hydrogeologists, Biologists/Ecologists, Environmental Scientists, Certified Microbial Consultants, and CHMMs, among others with relevant scientific expertise. Our diverse professional training and educational background allows Fulcrum to fit individual employees to specific project needs.

Fulcrum is a small business with both offices located in Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) zones and has an existing General Services Administration (GSA) contract. Our clients include lending agencies, private developers, government agencies, large and small businesses, homeowners and the agricultural community. Fulcrum has successfully worked with many out of area clients providing technical expertise and localized services to larger environmental and engineering firms, and design and planning organizations. At any given time, approximately 80 percent of our service load is for existing clients.

Fulcrum's ownership and management represents the best of our position as a regional environmental consultant, a small group of professionals who seek projects that require technical expertise and are challenging and unique. Since its inception in 1991, our company has been organized as a privately held S-Corporation. While portions of ownership have changed, our track record, professional standing, and project performance have remained unchanged.

For more information on the types of services Peggy Williamson and Fulcrum Environmental Consulting, Inc. offer, e-mail at [pwilliamson@efulcrum.net](mailto:pwilliamson@efulcrum.net) or call (509) 574-0839.

# REGULATORY REPORT

## EPA ISSUES FINAL RULE REVISING THE UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANI- FEST REGULATIONS

On March 4, 2005, EPA published a final rule in the FR revising the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest (UHW) regulations and the manifest and continuation sheet forms used to track hazardous waste from the site-of-generation to the site-of-disposition. The final rule revisions include:

- Proposed removal of several fields such as the state manifest tracking number; the state generator ID field; the state transporter's ID fields; the transporter's phone fields; the state facility's ID field; the facility's phone field;
- Proposed consolidation of additional descriptions and special handling fields;
- Continuation sheet;
- Addition of new data elements such as generator site address field; emergency response phone number field; and international shipments field;
- Proposed addition of the third transporter field;
- Reduction or elimination of "optional" field designations;
- Proposed standardization of handling codes; and
- Proposed standardization of RCRA waste code fields.

The revisions will standardize the content and appearance of the manifest form and continuation sheet, make the forms available from a greater number of sources and adopt new procedures for tracking certain types of waste shipments with the manifest. The final rule becomes effective September 6, 2005.

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## 10 Tips for Visionary Leadership (The Leadership Toolkit)

1. Remember, the basics of project management: scope, schedule, and budget
2. Open yourself up for change
3. Listen, listen, listen
4. Build your team
5. Lead, delegate or get out of the way
6. Be virtuous
7. Study Servant Leadership ([www.greenleaf.org](http://www.greenleaf.org))
8. Keep your ego in check
9. Communicate wisely
10. Find your balance

*fusion environment&energy, LLC is a woman-owned enterprise that has been in business since 1997 and specializes in Environmental Management Systems, technical writing and editing, grant writing, and Phase I audits. You may contact fusion2e at the following locations: Adriane P. Borgias, MSEM, CHMM in Spokane, Washington (509) 892-0041 and Cindy Savage, CHMM in Bend, Oregon (541) 322-9480.*

### ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE ACADEMY BOOKSTORE

<http://www.achmm.org>

**THREE WAYS TO ORDER:**  
By Fax: (301) 916-3308 with your credit card.  
By Phone: (800) 437-0137 with your credit card.  
By Mail: Academy Bookstore, Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers  
PO Box 1216, Rockville, MD 20849

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