

EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello again from Eastern Washington!

Since January, there are three new CHMMs in our area. We have a couple of new members and participants in our Chapter activities and some that volunteered for our activities that we don't regularly see. That is terrific! Hopefully, we can begin to grow as well as reactivate. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. We want to hear from YOU.

In February we enjoyed an excellent presentation by Scott Peterson of Fluor Hanford on Groundwater Remediation at Hanford. In April, Peter Furlong of DOE-RL gave us an interesting update on the Waste Vitrification Plant. These topics bore perfect timing since both are visible and controversial items in our local newspapers of late. Unfortunately, the June general meeting tour of the Richland Landfill had to be cancelled. If you haven't been to one of our meetings, please try to make it. And remember, you get recertification points for attending!

Our Chapter had a booth at the *Tri-Cities Safety Expo* held at the TRAC facility in Pasco on May 23 and 24. Thank you to all who manned the booth and helped setup and tear down. If you attended the Expo, I hope you stopped by our booth to see the posters and get one of those special fluorescent Chapter pencils we had there for souvenirs.

On May 17 we began a 5-week "Cross-Media Hazardous Materials Management Training" session for Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) staff. The sessions were held every Wednesday and were completed June 14. There were 14 WDOE and 6 outside people in attendance. The content of the training was based on the National Overview Course materials and taught by 21 different instructors. Several are interested in sitting for the CHMM Certification Exam, which will be held July 14 at WSU-TC.

On June 9, some of our members attended the Joint ACS/AICHe Annual Picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers were provided by the ACS and those attending brought side dishes. About 40 in all attended on a nice afternoon in the park by the Columbia River.

It is time for the lazy days of Summer. Our next meeting will be the Executive Board Meeting on July 21, to which general membership is always invited to attend. We are going to BBQ at the VP's house – that will be Special and Fun – and we'll get business done, too. Watch for details soon!

Reminder to be careful with hazardous materials, like gasoline for the lawn mowers, charcoal starter for the BBQs, insecticides for your growing gardens/flowers – these are seasonal items up here in the Pacific Northwest. We can't forget their danger if not stored and used correctly. My lasting wish is that ALL of you have a SAFE and HEALTHY Summer! ☺

THE CHMM RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM

by **CHUCK MULKEY**

The Recertification Program was developed to ensure that CHMMs maintain the highest professional standards and enhance their continued competence. The program requires that CHMMs participate in professional development activities and submit evidence of these activities on a periodic basis. Meeting these requirements in a timely manner is mandatory to maintain the CHMM certification.

CHMMs must earn a total of seventeen (17) Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) during a 5-year cycle to qualify for recertification. All claims for recertification credit require documentation. In instances where documentation has been lost or destroyed, some evidence or explanation of what happened needs to be accompany the submission.

The following are activities that qualify for CMPs:

1. Active Professional Practice: The following activities qualify for two (2) CMPs per year (credit may be prorated for part-time practice):

- Full-time employment with responsibility directly related to hazardous materials management, its laws, regulations, technology and implementation.
- Employment as a full-time professional consultant whose responsibilities directly relate to hazardous materials management, its laws, regulations, technology and implementation.
- Employment as an academic instructor who is a full-time faculty member of an accredited university or college teaching the equivalent of at least one (1) three-credit-hour course per year that directly relates to hazardous materials management, its laws, regulations, technology and implementation.

2. Professional Society/Association Membership and Leadership Activities: Membership and active participation in any of the following qualifies for two (2) CMPs per year:

- IHMM Board of Directors
- IHMM Board of Examiners
- IHMM Board of Ethics
- IHMM Recertification Peer Reviewer
- ACHMM Board of Directors
- Offices in an ACHMM Chapter (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) or a Chapter Committee Chairmanship
- National committee/subcommittee of the ACHMM
- National officer or committee/subcommittee chair of an approved organization.

One (1) CMP per year is awarded for membership in an approved professional society/association with documentation indicating attendance at more than half of the scheduled chapter meetings. Approved organizations

include: ACHMM, AIChE, AIHA, ASCE, ASSE, AWMA, HPS and NSPE. (Other organizations may qualify.)

3. Continuing Education and Professional Development: In order to meet the standards of the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB), which accredits the CHMM certification program, CHMMs must earn an **average** of 20 hours per year (1.25 CMPs), **totaling at least 6.25 CMPs per cycle**, through participation in any combination of the following six categories. (Credit for distance learning or online courses will be awarded on the basis of college credits earned (see below) or, if CEUs are issued, on the basis of 1 CEU = 10 hours of study = 0.625 CMPs.)

- **College/University Credit Courses:** Completion of an accredited, college-level course on hazardous materials management or a related topic. One-half (0.5) CMP per semester credit hour. (If you are claiming credit for a new degree during this cycle, courses that were part of that degree program cannot be counted. However, courses that were not related to the degree can be counted.)
- **Receipt of a New Baccalaureate or Graduate Degree:** Earning a degree from an accredited institution in addition to the degree(s) held when initially certified will be awarded four (4) CMPs.
- **Professional Development Conferences/Courses/Seminars:** Attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops or in-house contracted training dealing primarily with hazardous materials management or a related topic: One-quarter (0.25) CMP per four (4) hours of actual training time. Note that full documented attendance at the technical sessions at the ACHMM Annual Meeting meets the annual requirement of 20 hours (1.25 CMPs) of professional development. Documented attendance at ACHMM chapter meetings that feature technical talks or field trips will be recognized for professional development credit at the rate of 0.125 CMP per meeting.
- **Continuing Education/Refresher Courses:** Completion of a continuing education or mandatory annual refresher course on hazardous materials management or a related topic, including HAZWOPER, RCRA, Asbestos O&M, Emergency Response and other OSHA/DOT/EPA courses: One-quarter (0.25) CMP per 4 hours of actual training..
- **Part-Time Instructor Activity:** Teaching courses directly related to hazardous materials management, its laws, regulations, technology and implementation on a part-time basis in an academic setting: One-quarter (0.25) CMP per credit hour taught; as a continuing education or overview course trainer: One-quarter (0.25) CMP per four (4) hours taught.
- **Presentations, Publications and Papers**
 - o Presentation of a paper or lecture on hazardous

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materials management or a related topic to a professional organization, conference, seminar or workshop, when the presentation is original and has not been presented before: One-half (0.5) CMP.

- o Listed author/co-author or technical reviewer of an original paper in a professional publication or chapter in a textbook or reference book on the subject of hazardous materials management or a related subject: Two (2) CMPs.
- o Listed author/co-author, or editor/co-editor of a textbook or reference book on hazardous materials management or a related subject: Six (6) CMPs.

4. CHMM Examination-Related Activities

- Examination questions (items): One-half (0.5) CMP is awarded for each question accepted by the IHMM Board of Examiners.
- Assisting the proctor of the CHMM examination: one-quarter (0.25) CMP per event.

5. Government or Industry Standards or Advisory Committee(s) Service to related organizations at the national or local level will be recognized. Approved organizations include ASTM or ANSI, as well as local, regional or state advisory committees. Attendance at more than half of the planned meetings of a qualifying organization: One (1) CMP per year.

6. Professional Achievement/Recognition: A special citation or award conferred by a professional, governmental or educational organization for outstanding contribution(s) to the field of hazardous materials management: Two (2) CMPs per award.

7. A Registered Patent Related to Hazardous Materials Management: In the year of patent publication, a registered patent in the field of hazardous materials management: Two (2) CMPs.

8. Approved Professional Certification/Registration: Obtaining an approved professional credential or registration after initial CHMM certification: Two (2) CMPs per credential. Approved credentials or registrations include: Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), Professional Engineer (PE), Registered Professional Geologist (PG), Certified Health Physicist (CHP) and Diplomate Environmental Engineer (DEE). Other certifications may qualify; check with the Recertification Department. This credit may be claimed only during the year the credential was earned; it is not an annual credit.

9. Other Activities: Other activities may be submitted. They will be evaluated on an individual basis regarding their acceptability and awarding of CMPs.

For more information on the documentation to support the CMPs, check the Institute's (IHMM) website at: <http://www.ihmm.org/>

The CHMM Code of Ethics

The Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers has emphasized that violating the Code of Ethics may lead to revocation of the CHMM certification.

- *A CHMM's primary responsibility is to protect public safety and the environment. The interests of clients and employers must be secondary to protecting public safety and the environment. All actions taken on behalf of a client or employer must be consistent with this primary responsibility.*
- *A CHMM shall act with integrity in any relationship that involves an employer or client. A CHMM has an obligation to disclose fully to an affected employer or client any conflicts of interest resulting from business affiliations or personal interests, and to maintain the security and confidentiality of an employer's or a client's confidential information.*
- *A CHMM shall function only within his or her area of competence. A CHMM is expected to judge objectively his or her own level of competence, and not to function beyond that level. When a CHMM is required by a client, employer or circumstances to function outside of his or her area of competence, the CHMM must be prepared to bring in qualified expertise to supplement his or her own or, if that is not possible, the CHMM must decline the task and suggest the client or employer find someone else who is qualified.*
- *A CHMM shall behave with professional decorum and restraint, and shall not exhibit conduct that brings discredit on the CHMM Program. The CHMM is a professional and must conduct himself or herself accordingly. A CHMM shall not criticize indiscriminately and without foundation another professional or individual. A CHMM must approach other individuals with the requisite professional balance of knowledge, skill and experience and must provide sound, balanced professional advisement as to the qualifications and qualities of others.*
- *A CHMM shall participate in continuing education and professional development opportunities, share professionally pertinent information with the professional community and the public, disseminate acquired knowledge and skill to others, and uphold the ethical precepts of the profession. A CHMM should also seek opportunities to be active in civic affairs and to promote the profession.*

We hold ourselves to higher standards!

Upcoming Schedule of Events

AUGUST 17th – Winery Tour and Social, Sleeping Dog Winery, Benton City,

OCTOBER 19th – Presentation by Det. John Hanson/Richland Police, to be held at 7:00 p.m., Richland Public Library (Subject: Meth and Meth Labs)

DECEMBER 7th - Awards Banquet, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Courtyard by Marriott in Richland

ACHMM & YOU --

PROMOTING THE ACHMM-EWC

by TERRY WINWARD

This year, my primary job for the EWC is Publicity, so I more than anyone should realize the importance of good press. I have found through the years though, that while good press does bring some new members and some more attendance, it by itself does not make the kind of difference we want and need.

It is you and me, the members, talking about what ACHMM-EWC is and what we are doing that actually does the most for the Chapter. Therefore you all are our Public Relations team and as a team, we will make what ever difference there will be. Please talk about EWC and invite others to join and/or to make suggestions of how we can reach others. I also would like some ideas on some media promotions to spark action

and interest. I still believe we are only scratching the surface of what we can and ought to do. Please give me ideas of what you would like to be shared in the newspaper, company papers and on TV. We would still like others to volunteer to pass our news releases on to other companies. We have Fluor Hanford, CH2M Hill, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, and the Tri City Herald covered. Can you help us get to other places like WSU-TC and Ecology, or other companies outside of Hanford? It is easy. I will give you the press release. You just need to pass it to your company news person, or find out your companies news persons name and e-mail, and I will send it to them. Please provide help and ideas so we will grow and be more productive.

ACHMM's International Task Force Announces New Committee Members

Rampur Viswanath, ACHMM's first-ever International Ambassador, has announced the International Task Force committee members, and they are:

- Adriane Borgias, Past President ACHMM
- Michael Mandracchia, Member, ACHMM Board of Directors
- Cathy Knox
- Nacharaju Rao

This committee has been chartered to explore a brand new territory. Their primary task is to expand ACHMM into the other countries of the world. Rampur has taken on the leadership responsibility and believes this new committee will do a wonderful job.

The India Chapter continues to grow in membership. And, the CHMMunity continues to provide support. Two CHMM members from the United States have arranged to go to Bangalore this summer to give presentations to the India Chapter. Other CHMM members have offered to support the cost of airfare for delegates from India to come to the United States.

The many efforts and accomplishments of the International Task Force will be shared with you as they become available!

CHMM Promotional Items Available

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