



Membership in the Eastern Washington Chapter of ACHMM – *What's In It for Me?*

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The Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential is considered to be the premier certification currently available for people involved in the diverse field of hazardous materials management. CHMMs have met a national standard for education and experience, have passed a comprehensive examination, and have agreed to conduct work in accordance with an established code of ethics.

For those who have attained this credential or for those seeking to obtain it, there is one additional mark of true professionalism – participation in a professional association. The Academy of Hazardous Materials Management (ACHMM) and its local chapters have a mission to enhance professionalism through education, promotion, and providing a forum for those interested in hazardous materials management to meet and exchange information.

We should not mistake a credential for professionalism. The credential is earned through diligent study, commitment, and testing, but having a credential does not of itself make one a professional. Consider taking your professionalism one step further by participating in the Eastern Washington Chapter of the ACHMM.

So, you ask, what's in it for me? Here are some examples:

- Network with others to increase your exposure and effectiveness as a professional hazardous materials manager;
- Expand the horizons of your technical knowledge; learn of new laws and technologies; and explore new and better career opportunities;
- Earn certification maintenance points and have the Chapter validate them;
- Gain the satisfaction of supporting and mentoring others working in the field of hazardous materials management;
- Promote your profession and help it gain recognition for the value it provides in protecting human health and the environment both in the community and at work;
- Renew and increase your knowledge in the areas of environment, health, and safety; regulatory compliance and policy; science and technology; and materials handling, emergency response, and remediation;
- Receive recognition for professional accomplishments;
- Practice managerial and organizational skills through volunteerism;
- Recruit others to join in these areas of expanding expertise; and
- Interface with managers at all levels to educate them about CHMM opportunities.

EWC Hosts Round Table

On August 27, 2002 the Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) hosted a Round Table Discussion with the U.S. Department of Energy, the Hanford Contractors and the local Professional and Scientific Societies.

Dr. Viswanath, ACHMM chapter president, began by discussing the four themes that were the basis for the Round Table discussions:

- Establishing a mechanism for scientific and professional societies to identify areas for developing realistic standards to gain new efficiencies.
- Maintaining an open dialogue between scientific and professional societies and the Department of Energy (DOE) to achieve a “win-win” situation
- Establishing a mechanism for recognition of outstanding contributions of individuals, groups or projects at the Hanford site.
- Establishing a mechanism for using scientific and professional societies for conducting training programs for DOE project needs utilizing HAMMER facilities.

The panel participants were:

- Mike Schlender, Deputy Manager, DOE-RL
- Roy Schepens, Manager, DOE-ORP
- Keith Thomson, President, Fluor Hanford
- Karl Fecht, Manager, Environmental Technology, Bechtel Hanford
- William Brady, Vice President, Medical Affairs, Hanford Environmental Health Foundation
- Lura Powell, Director of Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL)
- Ron Naventi, President, Bechtel National-WTP
- Edward Aromi, President, CH2M Hill Hanford Group

Rampur Viswanath, Kaleem Ullah and Ed Aromi



2002 ACHMM Annual Conference

The **Kentuckiana Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers** and the National ACHMM offices held the 16th annual conference of the ACHMM in Louisville, Kentucky from September 27 through October 2, 2002! Two of EWC Executive Committee members attended, Roni Swan and Rampur Viswanath.

Many speakers were present including Prabhakar Patil, chief engineer for the hybrid electric vehicle program at Ford Motor Company, who provided information about the HEV's design in relation to the environment and, the Hon. Marianne L. Horinko, assistant administrator for OSWER with the U.S. EPA, who provided an overview on current activities within the administration, including fielding questions from the audience.

EWC Accepts the National Chapter Award in Kentucky



Tour of the Cold Test Facility

At 4:00 p.m. on October 8th, the EWC was given a tour of the Cold Test Facility in Richland. About twelve people met at the Visitor's Center for the introduction and video. Mr. Greg McLellan, CHG, and Mr. Jim Thompson, DOE-ORP, hosted this event.

The Cold Test Facility will test remote-controlled cleanup equipment (the “crawler”) in a large simulated 500,000-gallon waste tank by challenging sludge and salt cake similar to what is in Hanford's Tank Farms. The crawler is a 1,300-pound compact system that looks like a small bulldozer that is remotely managed. It was developed in the United Kingdom with help from Hanford engineers.

Cold Test Facility Tour, continued –

The tank crawler will prepare for retrieval of waste from Hanford tanks, which is part of the tank cleanup work. It is already known that the crawler can move a 600-pound container of concrete. The Cold Test Facility plans to begin testing the crawler with actual simulated wastes in November 2002. The single-shell tank C-104 is the first tank scheduled to use the crawler by 2005. Planning for 60 tanks is now being scheduled.



2002 Scholarship Winners Announced

Two individuals have been selected for EWC scholarships this year. Mandy Heasler, who is pursuing a Master's in Environmental Engineering, and employed full-time at Fluor Hanford as a Hazardous Waste Sampling Coordinator, will receive an award. Marcelo Dias de Oliveira, a graduate student in Environmental Science, will also receive an award due to his interest in water quality.

The awards will be presented at this year's holiday dinner celebration on December 12, 2002 at the Shilo in Richland. Each will receive \$250.



Tour of a Malternative Business in Ky

By Roni Swan, CHMM

I attended a unique tour of the *Early Times Distillery* (i.e., manufacturers of Jack Daniels, Southern Comfort, etc.) while attending the conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Cheryl-Lynne Patrick, *Director of Governmental Compliance, Health and Safety*, provided the tour (and she is a lawyer). I learned that nearly all the world's bourbon whiskey is made in Kentucky. There are limestone water-rich areas in and around Louisville. The bourbon is stored in charred oak barrels in which the distilled alcohol develops the bourbon flavor and hue.

From an environmental perspective, it was interesting to learn that the facility has a RCRA permit (is a small quantity generator), has an NPDES permit, and also must comply with a PSD air permit. They use wood waste to generate steam (and some of it is sold off site).

The distillery recycles more than 95 percent of its manufacturing wastes, which includes spent fermentation grains sold as animal feed supplement. The warehouses must deal with the issue of seeping and evaporating alcohol. They are an ISO-certified facility.

GOVERNOR'S Industrial Safety & Health Conference 2002

The Eastern Washington Chapter, in partnership with the Pacific Northwest Chapter, is sponsoring a booth at the Governor's IS&H conference to be held at the Spokane Convention Center October 30 and 31. This conference provides opportunities to learn about the latest tools, technologies and strategies for workplace safety and health. Alternating between the eastern and western side of the state, each year it attracts over 3,000 safety and health attendees. More than 300 volunteers from Washington contribute to its success year after year.

Now Accepting Applications for Awards for the Year 2002

- **Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year Award**
- **Young Certified Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year Award**
- **Meritorious Achievement Award for the Eastern Washington Chapter**
- **Excellence in Hazardous Materials Management Award**
- **Eastern Washington Chapter Outstanding Service Award**
- **Eastern Washington Chapter Membership Award**

- **Eastern Washington Chapter Presidents Award**

Nominations for the 2002 awards will be accepted until 11/4/02. They should be returned by mail to: 1370 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 113, Richland, WA 99352 or to Bruce Vesper, 3350 George Washington Way, Bechtel Hanford, Inc., Richland, WA. (MSIN: H0-26). CHMMs, non-members, companies, and agencies that are involved in the management of hazardous materials are encouraged to submit nominations/applications. Nomination forms, Award profiles and other information are found in our web site listed below. If you have questions or need clarification, contact Bruce Vesper at 372-9204 (6 AM to 3:30 PM) or Rampur Viswanath at 376-9223 for additional details and information. Forms and Award Profiles are available at: <http://users.owt.com/ewcachmm>

Hazardous Materials Overview Course **Year 2003**

This course provides an up-to-date overview of hazardous materials management and regulatory information and provides working professionals with the current knowledge to maintain their proficiency. The principles of hazardous materials management are reinforced through innovative learning experiences.

Where: Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center, Richland WA

Who Should Attend: Managers, emergency responders, remediation workers, compliance officers, safety professionals, environmental professionals, and hazardous materials specialists (or others whose job duties involve hazardous materials)

Course Benefits:

- Quality information that ensures student satisfaction
- An environment conducive to learning
- Topical overviews and guidelines for further study
- Networking opportunities

Sitting for the CHMM Exam is an *option* for this course. Attendees who want to take the exam may do so by applying to:

Institute of Hazardous Materials Management
11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 220
Rockville, MD 20852
Phone (301) 984-8969

The institute determines qualifications to take the exam and notifies each candidate. The exam requests are required six weeks before the exam date.

DATES OF THE NEXT COURSE:

January 21, 22, and 23 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with the exam given on Friday). Contact HAMMER at (509) 372-3143 to register.

CHMM Promotional Products **Available!**

Shirts, mugs, pens, etc.

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, ACHMM, P.O. Box 1216,
Rockville, MD 20849



Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Holiday Dinner will be held at the Shilo on December 12, 2002.

Mr. Keith Thomson, President of Fluor Hanford, will be the featured keynote speaker.