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Don't forget that CHMM books, hats, mugs and lapel pins and other CHMM items are available from the Academy. For ordering information, call 1-800-436-0137, or order from the web site at:

<http://www.achmm.org>

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY now being scheduled to be held at the Battelle Auditorium

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers is hosting the third Scientific and Professional Societies Roundtable Discussion with the Department of Energy and its Prime Contractors.

The main objective of this meeting is three-fold and plans to focus on:

- Maintaining an open dialogue between the Professional Societies and the Department of Energy to achieve a “win-win”
- Establishing a mechanism for recognition of outstanding contributions of an individual, a group or a project at the Hanford site
- Establishing a mechanism to use the Scientific and Professional Societies for conducting training programs for DOE project needs utilizing the HAMMER facility

This is an opportunity to network and exchange information with your fellow professionals and scientists.

(Contact Rampur at 376-9223 for more information)



INSTEP

Request for Proposal (RFP)

The International Society of Technical and Environmental Professionals (INSTEP) is requesting proposals from qualified organizations and individuals for conducting educational workshops that meet specification under the National Registry of Environmental Professionals (NREP)

NREP/INSTEP

Annual Technical Conference and Workshops,
November 18-22, 2002
Radisson Hotel, Orlando, Florida

The following is a list of courses that will be presented and need to be bid on:

- * Registered Environmental Manager (REM)
- * Registered Environmental Property Assessor (REPA)
- * Registered Environmental Scientist (RES)
- * Other courses of may be considered.

Please provide bids on a per student basis (e.g., \$250 per student). Also, please indicate if a minimum amount is required (e.g., 10 students or \$2,500). All bids are to include direct expenses such as workshop participant manuals, handouts, and speaker travel. INSTEP will provide break items, meeting room charges, and AV equipment rental.

If you have any questions concerning this RFP, please contact Gene Jones at 800-441-7949.

Applicants Sought for Governor's Awards

OLYMPIA - The state Department of Ecology (Ecology) is now accepting applications for the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices.

The competition is open to businesses and government facilities that are preventing pollution, using energy, water and materials efficiently, and operating their facilities in a way that promotes the vitality of the economy, the environment and their communities.

Large and small facilities that reduce their use of toxic materials, reduce the amount of waste and emissions they generate, or conserve resources (including raw materials, energy and water) are encouraged to apply.

"We're looking for companies and government facilities that are examples of how to thrive economically while also preserving the quality of life in their communities," said Greg Sorlie, who manages Ecology's hazardous-waste program. Applicants will be judged on how well they prevent pollution and conserve resources. The winning entries also will have created systems that do not overburden the environment's ability to provide and regenerate resources. "Paying attention to the amount of resources used and reducing the amount of waste produced is always important," Sorlie said. "The financial and environmental benefits of making wise manufacturing and disposal decisions can help a business succeed, even when the economy slows."

The award is administered by Ecology. All Washington businesses, government facilities and schools are eligible. Entries must be submitted by June 7. The panel of judges includes previous winners, pollution-prevention experts and representatives from labor and environmental groups. The awards will be presented at a special ceremony in September. To request an application or more information, contact Anch Bergeson by phone at 360-407-6609 or by e-mail at aber461@ecy.wa.gov

Media contact: Anch Bergeson, award coordinator, (360) 407-6609

For more information and to obtain an award application: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability/>



Time to Start on the 2003 Awards From Bruce Vesper

Awards for the ACHMM on a national level closed on Tax Day (4/15). Like the computer tax preparation programs advise, it is time to start looking forward to next years awards and putting together nominations already. Why, you ask? If you start with your goal in mind, it is easier to get there when you keep reminding yourself of the objectives. In particular, I would suggest that everyone look at the criteria below for the Champions, and make a commitment to try to become a Champion for this year.

CHAMPIONS OF EXCELLENCE ANNUAL AWARD (Individual Award)

Individual has to have dues paid in full to Academy and complete any 5 of the following steps to qualify:

1. Make a personal contact to introduce the philosophy of CHMMs to a member of Academia, Industry, Business, or Government
2. Make a presentation to a Non-CHMM related civic group about issues relevant to hazardous materials management. Presentation of a CHMM Overview course **will NOT** fulfill this requirement.
3. Bring a prospective CHMM member to a local Chapter meeting. Alternately, sponsor a new local chapter CHMM.
4. Serve in a leadership role as a Chapter or Academy officer, board member, committee chair, or committee member.

5. Write an article for the Chapter or Academy newsletter. Alternately, publish an article in a local newspaper or technical journal about issues relevant to hazardous materials management.
6. Make a presentation at a CHMM Overview course or proctor a CHMM Examination.
7. Write a letter to a regulatory agency or an elected government official concerning proposed environmental regulations (must be signed as a CHMM).
8. Attend the National Meeting.

Each member who is to be recognized should have a letter certifying which of the requirements have been met, providing sufficient detail about how the requirements were met, and signed by the Chapter President or other designated chapter officer.

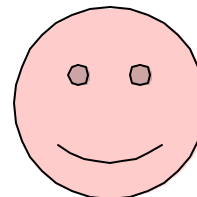
Recipients of all awards nominations, as well as nominators, must be current members of the Academy (i.e., current and any previous year's dues must be paid).

There is much of the year left, and most of the criteria aren't hard to do. Many will benefit you as a CHMM by making the credential more apparent to the public. Some will certainly assist the chapter to grow and thrive. Lastly, you will have accomplished something and will receive national level recognition.

With the number of members in the chapter, it is difficult, if not impossible, to know what everyone is doing, and if a person qualifies. Our chapter president will gladly nominate you, if the awards committee has the material to support the nomination.

I ask each of you to take a little time, a little effort, and a little industry to try to qualify for this award for next year. If we could get enough people to qualify, I can assure you that the Chapter will win the Chapter of the Year competition, without question.

Hint: Write a letter to the President or Vice-President of the U.S., advocating why keeping FFTF will help the medical industry, and why the waste generated does not present an insolvable problem. You are accomplishing Criteria #7 by so doing.





Newly Proposed
EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER AWARDS
From Bruce Vesper

The Eastern Washington Chapter-ACHMM (EWC) is proposing to commence new awards this year. It is important to get your feed-back and/or agreement on these awards, i.e., as to the concept, requirements, idea, etc. The following are the current awards being planned. Send your comments to Bruce Vesper at 373-1001 or email: bsvesper@bhi-erc.com

CHAPTER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award is given for distinguished service or achievement in support of the EWC. This award shall be awarded to honor members of the EWC who have made outstanding accomplishments in the support of the field of Environmental, Health and Safety. The accomplishments will be determined based on long-term service, continuous professional achievements, and promoting the vision/mission of the chapter and the CHMM credential. This award, which need not be given every year, will only be given to one member in the years awarded. This award should consist of a perpetual plaque with the honoree's name, and a separate plaque to be kept by the individual awardee.

YOUNG CHMM of the YEAR

This award is given to the outstanding young (35 years of age or younger) CHMM member of EWC. The awardee, during the previous calendar year, will have made significant accomplishments in the Environmental, Health and Safety field while promoting the vision & mission of the Academy

and EWC. This award will be used to reward the brightest and best of young CHMMs. This award, which need not be given every year, will only be given to a single person in a year. This award should consist of a perpetual plaque with the honoree's name, and a separate plaque to be kept by the individual awardee.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGER of the YEAR in EASTERN WA

This award will be given to an outstanding individual for service in the area of Hazardous Materials management. The nominee need **not** be a CHMM. During the previous year, the nominee will have made an outstanding accomplishment in the Environmental, Health and Safety field while promoting the vision & mission of the field of Hazardous Materials management. This award recognizes that individual who has actually demonstrated skills in operations, planning, training, or education. This award, which need not be given every year, will only be given to a single person in the years when it is awarded. This award should consist of a perpetual plaque with the honoree's name, and a separate plaque to be kept by the individual awardee.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for the EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

This award will be given to honor those individuals and institutions that have made extraordinary administrative, educational, scientific, financial, and/or operational contributions to the field of Environmental, Health and Safety, as conducted by the EWC. Additional weight will be given for accomplishments during the previous calendar year. Those nominated should not only have performed some specific or sustained work in the field of Hazardous Materials Management or the activities of the Eastern Washington Chapter. Nominees should also exemplify the vision & mission of the CHMM credential. Individuals and Corporate, Collegiate, or Public agencies may receive awards in multiple years, providing the criteria are fully met.

This award may be made to more than one individual or institution per year. The award will consist of a plaque for each award recipient. Individuals and Corporate, Collegiate, or Public agencies may receive awards in multiple years, providing the criteria are fully met.

REGULATORY LIAISON REPORT

From Mitzi Miller



EWC Submits Federal Register Comments to EPA

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Each year, the outgoing EWC president may award the President's award to one individual or institution that they deem has significant but otherwise unrecognized service to the Eastern Washington Chapter. The President will be the sole judge of the qualifications of the individual or institution for this award.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

This award will be given each year to the member of the EWC that has contributed the most new members to the chapter in the preceding calendar year. The new members must have paid their dues for the previous year, either for the first time or after a lapse of their dues to the EWC. The award will consist of a plaque to the recognized individual, with certificates to other nominees who have also made significant contributions to increasing chapter membership.

AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Announces a course
entitled:

NEWS ON NEW SOURCE REVIEW

to be held on May 22, 2002 in Tukwila, WA

This will be a full day workshop to learn the latest on new source review reform, flexibility, and strategies for expedited permitting.

For more information, contact Alan Butler at email: Alan_T_Butler@msn.com



On April 17, 2002 CHMM submitted formal comments to the proposed rule Federal Register: January 17, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 12), Page 2517-2544, 40 CFR Part 260, et al. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Burden Reduction Initiative, Reference: Docket Number F-1999-IBRA-FFFFF. The comments support EPA's proposal to include the CHMM in RCRA certifications involving professional opinion based upon knowledge that are within the professional competence and/or technical and managerial capability of a qualified (certified) CHMM as follows:

1. Certification of Closure (40 CFR 264.115)
2. Certification of Completion of Post-Closure Care (40 CFR 264.120)
3. Assessment of existing tank system's integrity (40 CFR 264.191 (a), (b)(5)(ii))
4. Assessment of new tank system and components (40 CFR 264.192(a), (b))
5. Tank Systems (Permitted) (40 CFR 264.196(f))
6. Land Treatment (Permitted) (40 CFR 264.280(b))
7. Drip Pads (Permitted) (40 CFR 264.571(a), (b), (c))
8. Drip Pads (Permitted) (40 CFR 264.573(a)(4)(ii), (g))
9. Drip Pads (Permitted) (40 CFR 264.574(a))
10. Containment Buildings (Permitted) (40 CFR 264.1101(c)(2))
11. Certification of Closure (40 CFR 265.115)
12. Certify completion of post-closure care (40 CFR 265.120)
13. Assessment of Existing Tank System's Integrity (40 CFR 265.191(a), (b)(5)(ii))
14. Design and Installation of New Tank Systems or Components--assessment of structural integrity and acceptability for storing and treating waste (40 CFR 265.192(a))
15. Design and Installation of New Tank Systems or Components--assessment of tank installation (40 CFR 265.192(b))

16. Tank Systems (Interim Status)--Submit certification of completion of major repairs (40 CFR 265.196(f))
17. Drip Pads (Interim Status)--Assessment of Drip Pad, (40 CFR 265.441(a), (b), (c))
18. Drip Pads (Interim Status)--Assessment of Drip Pad (40 CFR 265.443(a)(4)(ii), (g))
19. Drip Pads (Interim Status)--Inspection of liners (40 CFR 265.444(a))
20. Part B Requirements for Tank Systems-- Submit written assessment of structural integrity (40 CFR 270.16(a))
21. Owner/operator certification of hazardous waste facilities treatment, storage, and disposal units are functioning properly

The comments indicated that this CHMM Chapter asks that added clarification be provided in the proposed rules listed below. The clarification should explain that in addition to CHMM Certification, engineering expertise is needed in the areas listed below. However, any CHMM with the requisite engineering discipline education, skills, and experience would be technically and managerially competent/capable to make RCRA certification decisions include:

1. Containment Buildings (Interim Status)-- Obtain certification that building meets design requirements (40 CFR 265.1101(c)(2))
2. Boilers and Industrial Furnaces (Interim Status)--Evaluation of data and making determinations (40 CFR 266.103(b)(2)(ii)(D))
3. Direct Transfer Equipment--Assessment of equipment (40 CFR 266.111(e)(2))

Part B Requirements for Surface Impoundments--Assessment of structural integrity (40 CFR 270.17(d))

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Amends Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR, Parts 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 178, and 180)

On June 21, 2001, the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, published a final rule amending the Hazardous materials Regulations based on corresponding provisions of international standards. The revisions were made to facilitate the transportation of hazardous materials in international commerce. This final rule corrects errors in the June 21, 2001, final rule and responds to two petitions for reconsideration (see FR 67, Page 15736-15744: April 3, 2002).

