

EWC-ACHMM NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi all -- Another summer is over and I am amazed by all that is happening.

The ACHMM held its annual National Conference in Crystal City, VA (basically in D.C.) in August. Chuck Mulkey attended as our chapter delegate. The Eastern Washington Chapter (EWC) was well represented during the awards ceremony. Our chapter picked up another Honor Roll of Champions award. Only six chapters were recognized with this award this year. The EWC has won this award eight years in a row and is the only chapter to win nine out of the last ten years. In addition seven members won the Champions of Excellence Award for their outstanding work. A rather impressive number considering that only 42 members from 68 Chapters across the Nation (and one chapter in India) received this award. Our members receiving this award are Rampur Viswanath of CH2M HILL, Robbie Tidwell of PNNL, R. Terry Winward, Andrea Prignano, Raja Ranade, Michael Schmoldt, all of FH, and Roni Swan of EFSI (Energy Solutions). In addition, Rampur Viswanath won the National Special Achievement for the Academy and has recently been named as a Fellow by the Institute of Certified Hazardous Materials Management. Both of these are very prestigious honors.

Nominations for the annual awards presented by the EWC Chapter are coming up as well. These include the local Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year, the Excellence in Hazardous Materials Management, the Hazardous Materials Identification and Control Research Award, as well as many others. An announcement will be coming out in the next few weeks identifying the awards and how to get nomination forms. The winners will be honored at our December Dinner Meeting.

Our annual National Overview Course is scheduled for November 11th, 12th, and 13th. Mike Schmoldt has done a great job of organizing the course. In order to convey its importance more accurately to the public and environmental, health, safety and security professionals, the Academy has renamed the national overview course the "Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management." The newly re-minted course provides an introduction and/or refresher to the hazardous materials management industry; instruction about relevant laws and regulations; compliance standards as well as state-of-the-art technologies and best practices used in the EHS/S field. The course serves as a useful resource for professionals interested in studying for the CHMM designation, provides individuals with assistance in earning required Certificate Maintenance Points once they have attained the designation, and also is a great refresher for hazardous materials information. We provide this course annually (usually in the fall) right here in Richland, so consider requesting some funding to attend next year's course.

In addition, our chapter has been busy updating the chapter website. Please take a moment to check it out at <http://www.ewcachmm.org/>. We've strived for clarity and ease of use. Development of the new website has been a major endeavor and I want to thank Sebastian Tindall, our EWC Webmaster, for all of his time and effort on our behalf. Also the board has been active in reviewing the website during development. There are still a few kinks to work out but it's progressing wonderfully. If you have any questions on it, please send them to the Webmaster or to me.

And most importantly, the Annual Awards and Holiday Banquet will be held on December 6th, (a Thursday) at the Courtyard by Marriott in Richland. Details for registration will be forthcoming soon. Please mark your calendars; this is always a great time.

2007 National Conference August 12-15, 2007

This year's conference provided a wonderful opportunity for the attendees to visit Washington, D.C., the nation's capital. The Awards Ceremony was held the evening of August 14, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Va. The Eastern Washington Chapter (EWC) and members received the following awards:

Honor Roll of Champions Award



Special Achievement Award—Dr. Rampur Viswanath, CHMM



Champions of Excellence Awards

Andrea Prignano of Fluor Hanford,
Raja Ranade of Fluor Hanford,
Michael Schmoltdt of Fluor Hanford,
Roni Swan of Energy Solutions,
Robbie Tidwell of PNNL,
Rampur Viswanath of CH2MHILL, and
Terry Winward of Fluor Hanford.

Call for Nominations For VP, Treasurer, and Secretary

Nominations are invited for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Who may be nominated?

CHMMs who are chapter members in good standing.

What are the expected duties?

The Vice-President presides over chapter meetings in the absence of the President, acts as the program director, and succeeds to the Presidency the following year.

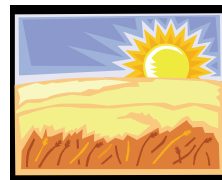
The Secretary documents the chapter meetings, maintains and updates chapter records and receives and issues all correspondence.

The Treasurer documents membership in the chapter, maintains the Chapter's financial records, and interfaces with government regulators to maintain the Chapter's non-profit status. The Treasurer is custodian of all monies.

Other Openings?

In addition there are a number of committees looking for members and chairs: Professional Development, Public & Community Relations, Membership, Awards, Government Liaison, Education, Scholarship, and Newsletter. If you have interest please send an e-mail to Andrea.L.Prignano@rl.gov or contact anyone on the 2007 board.

Consider getting involved. Become part of the team that will decide the future direction of the Eastern Washington Chapter.



EWC/ACHMM Scholarship Available

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of current members**

**For more information contact:
Mark Kerns at 372-8907**

An Overview of I-297, Washington's Cleanup Priority Act



Mr. Harold Tilden, CHMM, was the speaker at the last EWC General Meeting in July. Harold is the Senior Environmental Policy Advisor for the Environmental Management Services Department at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), in Richland, Washington. He has over 25 years' experience in the environmental arena and is the current task lead for PNNL's management of regulatory analysis, operations

support, and RCRA permitting. In previous positions, Harold served as the Environmental Protection Coordinator for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the second largest municipal utility in the state of California. He also worked for Riedel Environmental Services, a spill response and consulting company based in Oregon.

His presentation entitled "*Initiatives, Pollution, and the Constitution*" provided many insights into the initiative process in the state of Washington. Harold pointed out that the Hanford cleanup is complicated and will require decades to complete. Some of those complications include where will the waste go, how clean is clean, presence of radionuclides, and groundwater contamination. The length and complexity of the cleanup contributed to the perceived need for citizen lawmaking through the initiative process.

Harold indicated that the initiative process is a powerful tool and that there are two types of initiatives: (1) to the Legislature or (2) to the people. He said that if an initiative to the Legislature is not enacted, it goes to a vote of the people. Most of Washington's initiatives have been filed to the people. Of the 1,331 initiatives filed since 1914, 392 have been filed since 2000, or 29%. Of these initiatives, only 24 have gone to ballot and only 14 have passed.

In 2003, the *Cleanup Priority Act* was presented as an initiative (I-297) to the state of Washington Legislature by Heart of America Northwest. The Legislature failed to adopt the Act and it was placed on the November 2004 ballot. The initiative received more "yes" votes (1.8 million) than any initiative in Washington history, and won in 37 of 39 Washington counties.

Prior to taking effect, the *Cleanup Priority Act* was stayed by the Federal District Court. The same court granted summary judgment to the plaintiffs declaring the *Cleanup Priority Act* to be unconstitutional and invalid in June 2006. However, an appeal of the ruling is still pending before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The outcome of the *Cleanup Priority Act* rests in the hands of the Appeals Court and the outcome cannot be predicted.

National Overview Course Renamed to Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management

The name change from the *National Overview Course* to the *Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management* is now in effect. This is the key ACHMM educational program that is designed as a preparation for the CHMM® examination. Additionally, those who already have earned the CHMM® designation can take *Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management* (EHMM) to obtain annual Credential Maintenance Points (CMPs).

The EHMM is designed as a broad introduction to the industry and provides instruction about laws and regulations as well as technologies and practices. It also highlights topics and information that hazardous materials managers need to know to better perform their jobs. The EHMM course, hosted by ACHMM chapters and taught by CHMMs, is endorsed by the United States Department of Energy's National Environmental Training Office. The EHMM exam is now also available online.

Per ACHMM's President, Laureen McMurray Boyle, the EHMM communicates more clearly the critical role that hazardous materials professionals play in the safety of our environment and with the security of our communities and nation. She also said that this course is an unmatched and excellent educational resource – both for those professionals just starting their careers and for those well-established. Among the topics on which the course provides instruction are:

- hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal;
- hazardous material storage;
- radioactive materials;
- workplace safety;
- hazards assessment and communication;
- biological effects of hazardous materials; and
- toxicology

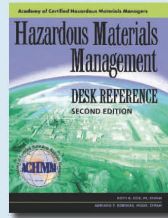
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY

December 6, 2006 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Richland Courtyard by Marriott

Planned Keynote Speaker

Michele Gerber, PhD.

Hanford Site Historian



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