



HEARTLAND NEWS

**THE HEARTLAND CHAPTER OF THE
ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS**

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May Meeting

Date:

May 22, 2007

Location:

KCP&L – South Service
Center
19950 Newton
Stillwell, Kansas

Cost: \$20/person

Speaker:

Chilton McLaughlin, EPA
Region 7

“Resource
Conservation
Challenge”

Time: 5 pm
Board Meeting

6 pm
Supper, Program, and
Facility Tour

RSVP by May 18th to
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From Brian Dalby, President Heartland Chapter CHMM:

2007 has the potential to be a very special one for the Heartland Chapter CHMM. We have already had two very good chapter meetings this year with top notch speakers and locations. Our distinguished Vice President, Venessa Pottie has put together a very fine, educational and entertaining schedule for the four remaining chapter meetings this year. I am very encouraged about the good member participation at our chapter meetings and I encourage you to continue to support these events. Be sure you obtain your educational credit point documentation at the end of each meeting from Timberlyn Smith!

We are breaking new ground for our student scholarship program. Through the continued excellent organizational efforts from Phil Dula with the annual golf outing fund raising event plus some progressive ideas from our Board of Directors we have been able to provide enough funds this year to award nine scholarships to very worthy students. Please read about the details in this month's excellent chapter newsletter from Laura Splichal.

I encourage each of you to attend this year's Annual CHMM National Conference in Arlington Virginia in August. If you have never attended one of these you are really missing a great opportunity to network with environmental and safety professionals such as yourselves and learn a great deal about our well earned CHMM credentials. On a similar note, I encourage all of you artists in the chapter to bring your ideas and drawings for a new chapter logo to our next meeting. I would like to be able to hold a vote on which one the chapter wants to adopt and possibly offer you some ideas for showing off this new chapter logo.

I am really excited to be serving as your chapter president this year and to follow the excellent leadership examples of my predecessors. Please be an active member and let the Board members hear your ideas on how to make our chapter even better! I hope to see all of you at our next meeting on May 22, 2007 at the KCPL South Service Center in Stillwell, Kansas!

Keep charging!

Brian

Heartland Chapter Scholarship Recipients

We received a record number of scholarship applications this year – 9! All of the applicants are very deserving and their essays were insightful and full of hope for the future – ahh the beauty of youth. The board voted to award all nine applicants with a \$500 scholarship to put towards their schooling next year. We had to dip into our savings a bit to do this, but we felt it was important to recognize and support all of the applicants this year. The scholarship recipients include:

- Chris Conkling** Senior at Lee's Summit West. Planned college major is business/finance at Missouri State University.
- Taylor Dalby** Freshman at Lindenwood University majoring in Business Administration
- Sarah Dula** Freshman at K State majoring in Business
- Scott Girard** Sophomore at K State majoring in Print Journalism
- Aaron Gudde** Sophomore at NW Missouri State majoring in Agribusiness/Turf Management; minor in Education
- Jared Gudde** Sophomore at NW Missouri State majoring in Recreational Sports Management
- Darryl Narcisse** Junior at Arizona State majoring in Biotechnology and English
- Michelei Smith** Sophomore at Loyola Marymount majoring in Accounting
- James Stanfill** Sophomore at K State majoring in Secondary Education and English Literature

These young people will be invited to the May meeting so we can recognize them in person. As a side note: scholarship criteria will be reviewed and formalized prior to next year. If the number of applicants continues to increase, we may have to limit the number of scholarships that are awarded in 2008 and future years to stay within the proceeds achieved from the golf tournament.

Positions Open at CDM

Three positions are open in CDM's Kansas City and Wichita offices. Send resumes to Laura Spichal at splichall@cdm.com.

Project Manager

Seeking a civil, chemical, or environmental engineer with 8-10 years of experience to manage multiple projects on our contract with the USEPA Superfund Branch. Applicable experience is required. Other engineering disciplines will be considered. PE in Missouri is preferred. Position is in Kansas City.

Entry-level Environmental Engineer

BS or MS in civil, chemical, or environmental engineering from an accredited university is required. Work includes preparing engineering reports and drawings, data collection, feasibility studies and cost estimating. Up to 50% travel. EIT is preferred but not required. Position is in Kansas City.

Junior Environmental Engineer/Scientist or Technician

A junior level position is open in CDM's Wichita office for an engineer or scientist with a BS or MS in an engineering or science field. Non-engineering/science candidates will also be considered. This position involves considerable field data collection and data management duties as well as preparation of technical reports. 1-2 years of experience and 40-hour OSHA training is preferred.

New EPA Asbestos Brochure

EPA has released a new brochure that provides health and safety information for professional and do-it-yourself mechanics who may work with asbestos-containing automotive components. Current Best Practices for Preventing Asbestos Exposure among Brake and Clutch Repair Workers emphasizes the need to prevent asbestos fibers from escaping into the air during repair work.

While it is impossible to tell if clutch and brake components contain asbestos, the booklet advises that mechanics should automatically assume the possible presence of asbestos. The booklet emphasizes the warning against blowing dust from brakes and clutches with compressed air. It also details three recognized methods for containing asbestos dust in a professional automotive shop.

<http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/brakesbrochure.html>

Thank you Ben Gudde for another golden nugget (You don't want to see the lung disease photos that accompanied this info!)

National Awards Nominations

The Heartland Chapter submitted the chapter's newsletters from 2006 for national award consideration and also nominated Phil Dula and Laura Splichal as Champions of Excellence. As point of information for award consideration next year, the following are the criteria for the Champion of Excellence award. Nominees must meet 5 out of the 8 criteria during the 2007 calendar year:

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.

Joe Chandler named Fellow of the Institute

Our very own Joe Chandler was recently named Fellow of the Institute by the IHMM Board of Directors for his outstanding contribution to the hazardous materials management profession and the CHMM program. Joe was a charter member of the Heartland Chapter and a past chapter president. He currently serves as a hazard mitigation specialist with FEMA Region VII and is responsible for oversight and administration of hazardous mitigation plans and flood mitigation assistance. In his previous position as HazMat Program Coordinator with FEMA, Joe assisted state, local, tribal, and federal agencies and private industry in development of planning, training, and exercise preparedness for response to hazardous materials and terrorist-related incidents. Way to go, Joe. Congratulations on this prestigious award!

More info from Ben Gudde – he’s turning into our regulatory update specialist . . . !

NFPA Issues Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities

A new Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities was developed and issued recently by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The document provides general information to assist in identifying the needs of people with disabilities related to emergency evacuation planning.

The guide addresses the need for evacuation plans to include everyone, and highlights the needs, criteria, and minimum information required to incorporate appropriate planning strategies for people with disabilities into these plans.

“Other than preventing an emergency before it happens, having a plan and practicing it is the best way to prepare ourselves for the unexpected,” said James M. Shannon, NFPA’s president. “NFPA developed this guide as a resource for creating an all-inclusive evacuation plan that considers everyone’s needs for evacuation, including the needs of people with disabilities.”

The Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities is available for download at no cost at www.nfpa.org/evacuationguide.

DHS Releases New Rule

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has released an interim final rule that imposes for the first time comprehensive federal security regulations for high-risk chemical facilities. The new rule gives DHS authority to seek compliance through the imposition of civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day, and the ability to shut noncompliant facilities down.

DHS will require owners of chemical facilities housing certain quantities of specified chemicals to complete a preliminary screening assessment that determines the level of risk associated with the facility. If a chemical facility preliminarily qualifies as high risk, its owners will be required to prepare and submit a security vulnerability assessment and site security plan. Submissions will be validated through audits and site inspections. Covered facilities contacted by DHS will have 120 days from the publication of the regulation in the Federal Register to provide information for the risk assessment process. Other requirements follow that time period. Additional facilities will follow a similar time frame after future Federal Register publications.

The Department makes a few points with respect to the list in Appendix A. First, DHS is not using any existing list (e.g., the EPA RMP list) as its sole source, and DHS is not classifying all facilities on a list in one particular way (i.e., classifying all RMP facilities as high-risk). (That would be too simple) By using multiple sources at this initial phase, DHS believes it is obtaining a more complete picture of the universe of facilities that may qualify as high risk. (thus requiring you read all 226 pages plus appendix to determine if you’re covered) (Looks like 2,000 lbs of acetone could get you in!)

http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/laws/gc_1166796969417.shtm (Happy Reading)

Top-Notch Professional Development Opportunities Available at ACHMM National Conference

Annual Gathering Set for August 12-15 in Washington, D.C.

Environmental, health, safety and security (EHS/S) professionals looking for exceptional learning opportunities need look no further than the 2007 Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) National Conference.

At this year's gathering, taking place August 12-15 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, just outside Washington, DC, 56 different technical sessions will be presented in seven topic areas.

"Participating in the ACHMM Annual National Conference is a terrific way to ensure your continuing professional development, as you are being exposed to the latest and best scholarship and experience," said ACHMM President Lauren McMurray Boyle, CHMM. "The conference will enable participants to choose from among 56 different technical sessions, covering a very large array of interest areas."

These 56 sessions represent the highest ratings out of more than 100 papers presented from academics and industry leaders across the United States. Peer reviewers judged the papers on various criteria, including relevance and creativity. The topic areas include: Environmental Actions; EHS Management and Management Principles; Safety and Industrial Health, Developments in Emergency Preparedness Response and Homeland Security; EHS Management Systems; Regulatory Requirements, Updates and Legal Trends; and New and Emerging Technologies/International Issues/Developing Countries.

Among the 56 papers selected are titles such as: "Minimizing Incidents in an Aging Workforce;" "HazMat IQ: Four Steps;" "Changes and Trends in Stormwater Discharge Requirements Across the United States and many others representing the newest thinking regarding EHS/S subjects.

Additionally, there will be several pre-conference workshops including:

- The National Overview Course
- FEMA's G300 Incident Command System (ISC-300) Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- EH&S Hazmat Workshop
- Developing an Environmental, Health or Safety (EHS) Training Presentation – How to Create an Academy Award Winner!
- Delivering an Environmental, Health or Safety (EHS) Training Class That Keeps People Talking – One That's Worthy of an Academy Nomination!
- Risk Communication for Technical Professionals
- The New Face of Environmental Due Diligence in a Post-AAI World

Make a commitment to your ongoing professional development. Plus, network with more than 1,000 fellow professionals, visit the information-packed exhibit hall and be a part of the premier EHS/S event of the year. Register for the ACHMM Annual Conference today through the [ACHMM Conference Web site](#). Early bird savings are available until July 2, 2007.

Missouri Waste Control Coalition Annual Conference and CHMM Overview Course

The 2007 Missouri Waste Control Coalition Annual Conference will be held June 24th-27th at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

The **2007 MWCC Conference** will include five primary tracks:

- (1) Solid Waste Management
- (2) Alternative Uses
- (3) Potpourri - Issues Impacting Property Owners and Waste Disposal
- (4) Missouri Brownfields
- (5) ACHMM National Overview Course

The **Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM)**-sanctioned 24-Hour **National Overview Course** is designed for those preparing for the CHMM Exam and is being co-sponsored by our chapter and the Gateway Society Chapter in St. Louis. The class will begin Sunday, June 24th and will adjourn on Wednesday, June 27th with partial class time on June 25th and June 26th.

Four more instructors are still needed! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Sieczkowski at (913) 438-5544, ext 122. Instruction materials will be provided – you just have to present. Additional information on the MWCC Conference can be found at <http://www.mowastecoalition.org/conferences.html>.

Upcoming Events

April 21, 2007 – Earthwalk. 9 am Shawnee Mission Park.

April 25, 2007 – Bureau Veritas Breakfast Seminar, Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park. 7:30 am – Registration; 8:00 am – Seminar. Meet with industry professionals who will help you get your EH&S program up and running and stay current with new regs and standards. Learn more or register at <http://www.us.bureauveritas.com/kcseminar.html>.

May 5, 2007 - Kansas City WildLands Spring Community Restoration Workday
Rocky Point Glades in Swope Park, Kansas City, Missouri; Ernie Miller Park prairie in Olathe, Kansas; and Jerry Smith Park prairie in south Kansas City, Missouri.

May 8-11, 2007 – Mid America EHS Conference, TanTarA, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. A CHMM review Course will be offered in conjunction with this conference on May 7-9, 2007. If you would like to be an instructor for the review course, please contact Ken Grist at ken.grist@atcassociates.com. Additional conference information can be found at <http://missourisafetycouncil.org>.

June 24-26, 2007 – Missouri Waste Control Coalition (MWCC) Annual Conference, Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Abstracts are due February 28, 2007. See newsletter article for information on National CHMM Overview Course being offered at this conference.

June 24-27, 2007 – American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Annual Conference Orlando, Florida.

August 12 – 15, 2007 – ACHMM National Conference, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

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MARCH MEETING

Mike Cameron, KDHE Risk Communications

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Above: Brian Dalby presents Mike Cameron with an appreciation gift at the March meeting.

The speaker at the March meeting was Mike Cameron from the KDHE Risk Communications department. He had some very helpful tips if you are the person responsible for communicating with the press during an emergency!

If you were not at this meeting and would like a copy of his presentation, please email Laura Splichal at splichall@cdm.com.

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If you have information for the next chapter newsletter, please forward it to Laura at splichall@cdm.com by June 10, 2007. The next newsletter will be issued in mid-June.