



HEARTLAND NEWS

THE HEARTLAND CHAPTER OF THE
ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS

November Issue

Chapter Calendar:

Chapter Meeting
11/19/2009

Location:
Harper's on the
Vine
1601 E. 18th St.
Kansas City, MO

BOD Meeting
10:30-11:30
Lunch &
Presentation
11:30-1:00
Cost: \$20.00

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Presidents Podium

This is the last time that you fine folks have given me the opportunity to speak my mind as President, so here goes. Our Chapter and the national organization have gone through some pretty traumatic times this past year or so. Name changes, logo colors and shapes, legal agreement language, a budget, new people stepping up, and long-time friends moving on. The one thing that I will say is that I have heard of more interest in people becoming CHMMs than I have heard in a number of years. Maybe our Chapter is due for a lot bigger things in the next year or so? I think that we have also started to make some headway with people expressing some new ideas. If you can count yourself as one of those who has spoken up at a meeting or contributed something new, I thank you, if nothing else, your comments were considered so keep them coming. If you didn't get an opportunity to "stir the pot" a little, remember that you can do so, but only if you make the first move.

The Board elections will be held next month so make sure that at least your voice is heard through a ballot. We may even have multiple people running for office. Again if you want to have an impact on where the Heartland Chapter is headed in 2010, please consider running as an officer or for the Board of Directors. As I barked last month, volunteering isn't as hard as it seems, as long as you have help! And there are always the famous last words: "speak up or shut up", or something like that.

The Board met this past month for a special meeting to look over our proposed agreement with the National AHMP, on the Chapter Bylaws, and on a budget for 2010. Thanks to CDM and Laura Splichal for providing a meeting room and a speaker phone for those who could not attend in person. The question is what ever happened to John's picture standin? For some reason it reminded me of the "Toxic Avenger" poster.

As a final note I would like to thank everyone that helped this past year. The names are too numerous to list but suffice it to say that the Board, the Golf Committee, and everyone who worked on the KS/MO Safety Council Conference and the National AHMP Conference all gave me a chance to disprove the old adage that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. I look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting!

Thanks,
Mike

Michael R. Sieczkowski, CHMM
President
Heartland Chapter ACHMM

Upcoming Events

November 5 - **Air Compliance Seminar** sponsored by REGForm, Columbia, Missouri.
info from rwalker@regform.org or www.regform.org

November 18 - Environmental Excellence Business Network (EEBN) **Sustainable Beer** - social hour / networking event Boulevard Brewery, KCMO, 5:30 to 7:30.
info at www.eebn.net

November 18- Effective Security Planning & Integration free webinar sponsored by Burns & McDonnell. 1 pm CST. <https://burnsmcd.webex.com> to register.



Kansas SBEAP
Small Business Environmental
Assistance Program

How does the new EPA Mandatory Reporting Rule for Greenhouse Gases Affect You?

EPA signed the Final Mandatory Reporting Rule for Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) on September 22, 2009. On January 1, 2010, the U.S. EPA will, for the first time, require large emitters of heat-trapping emissions to begin collecting greenhouse gas (GHG) data under a new reporting system. EPA is holding a series of webinar trainings for industries required to report under this regulation. Registration and a schedule for future training sessions is available on <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/training.html>.

SBEAP Webinars - Visit www.sbeap.org for registration and additional information.

Pervious Pavement, November 6, 2009

Learn about pervious pavement and how it can be used to improve local water quality. Topics to be covered include: overview and basics of pervious pavement, construction considerations, benefits and concerns, NPDES, and potential cost compared to traditional systems.

Air Permitting, December 9, 2009

Learn what types of activities may trigger the need for a construction or operating permit and obtain assistance with understanding potential to emit (PTE) and application processes. This Webinar will also cover scenarios in which a facility can go from a Class I to a Class II operating permit.

Metal Fabrication and Finishing Source Nine Categories (area sources), December 15, 2009

Learn whether your business is an affected source and if so, what are your regulatory obligations.

SBEAP Solvent Emissions Reduction Workshop, January 20, 2010

Agenda and registration information will be available on www.sbeap.org by November 1, 2010.

Efficiency Kansas Loan Program

The Kansas State Energy Office Efficiency Kansas Loan Program establishes a revolving loan fund to finance cost-effective energy efficiency improvements in Kansas homes and small businesses, and can finance up to \$20,000 for approved projects in homes and \$30,000 for approved projects in small commercial and industrial buildings. For more information, visit the Efficiency Kansas Loan Program Website at <http://www.energycanada.com/>, or call SBEAP at 800-578-8898.

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