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President's Message



Matt Twerdy

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season and I want to wish each and everyone a happy new year! I would like to thank our past president **Gene Metti** for all of his hard work and dedication to the Connecticut Chapter over the past 2 years. The recognition and value of the CHMM credential were enhanced in our State during Gene's tenure as President of the Connecticut ACHMM. Gene was instrumental in our Chapter becoming incorporated in the State of Connecticut as the "Connecticut Chapter of ACHMM, Inc." and with our Chapter obtaining tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

I will continue the development of the CHMM credential and keep you informed about the credential and where it is officially recognized. As always, the purpose of the Connecticut Chapter of ACHMM, Inc. is to continue to advance the CHMM as an elite environmental, health, safety and security credential on both a State and National level.

I envision another quality year for 2009 for our chapter and thus far we are pursuing the inclusion of the CHMM credential as

ACHMM CHANGES ITS NAME TO 'ALLIANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROFESSIONALS™'

New Brand Identity Strengthens Organization's Position as Global Leader and Resource for All Hazardous Materials Professionals.

BETHESDA, MD, Jan. 6, 2009—The Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) has changed its name to the "Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals™", announces the association's leadership today.

The new brand name was confirmed by the membership during a 30-day voting period on a rebranding proposal that ended Dec. 14. Its initial implementation starts this week and will continue over the next six months, says the association's leaders.

"By changing the organization's name we will become more inclusive of the environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) industry, thus attracting a broader and diverse base of hazardous materials professionals," says President Harry S. Kemp, CHMM, who assumed the association's top leadership post Jan. 1. "The 'Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals' brand will appeal to all EHS&S professionals in the industry who have hazardous materials management responsibilities."

"As a membership association, we have numerous career-enhancing benefits to offer all EHS&S professionals who are involved in hazardous materials management," says

Executive Director A. Cedric Calhoun, CAE. "This organization is probably one of the best-kept secrets in the EHS&S industry. With this new brand identity we will lower this veil of secrecy to introduce all industry professionals to our association and open their eyes to our many outstanding membership benefits.

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authorized certifying agent in the CTDEP's Draft General Permit for In Situ Groundwater Remediation: Enhanced Aerobic Biodegradation. We are also in the early stages of planning our winter dinner meeting scheduled for March. We will email information to all of our members about this dinner meeting in February.

We are always looking for assistance on the Board of Directors in administering the chapter and its activities. Please consider devoting some of your time to serving as a Board member and please contact me for our current officer openings. You would be performing a highly valuable service to your chapter.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and all of our members for their support of Connecticut Chapter of ACHMM, Inc!

2009 Board of Directors

Matt Twerdy, President
Vacant, Vice President
Whyndam Abrams, Secretary
Stu Manley, Treasurer

Directors-at-Large (former presidents):

Gene Metti
Paul Simonetta
Nick Zackeo
Elsa Payne

Take a look at the 2009 Chapter Operating Plan on page 4 to help you plan the year ahead.

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A CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGER® (CHMM®) HAS BECOME THE NEW EPA ADMINISTRATOR

Lisa P. Jackson, CHMM, Former New Jersey Environmental Commissioner, Tabbed for Post

Lisa P. Jackson, a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager® (CHMM®), was nominated and later confirmed by the U. S. Senate for the top post at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Jackson most recently served as the commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where she managed a staff of 3,400 professionals and programs to protect, sustain and enhance the state's water, air and land resources.

"This nomination places a huge amount of trust in Lisa, her professionalism and her professional training provided through the CHMM certification program," said Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) President Michael J. Mandracchia, CHMM, who worked for Jackson at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

"We are extremely proud of Lisa for being the nominee for the EPA administrator post and prouder still that she, like many of the 4,000 members of ACHMM, is a holder of the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager credential," continued Mandracchia. "...Lisa will do a tremendous job for the people of the country just as she did for the citizens of New Jersey."

Prior to being nominated by New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine (D) to lead the state's environmental oversight agency, Jackson led the department's land use management program. She joined the agency in 2002 as assistant commissioner of compliance and enforcement and led groundbreaking compliance sweeps in Camden and Paterson.

Before moving to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Jackson worked for 16 years in the EPA's Superfund Program developing key hazardous waste cleanup regulations, overseeing hazardous waste cleanup programs and directing multimillion-dollar cleanup operations.

Jackson was the keynote speaker at the 2006 ACHMM National Conference in Orlando, Fla.

“Our new brand identity will help us accomplish this goal,” continues Calhoun. “It will help inform all EHS&S professionals that they can join us and take advantage of the many top-notch professional development and educational programs, industry networking opportunities and other benefits we offer our members.”

The new brand identity comprises the new organizational name; a modern logo; and a tagline: “Global leadership for a sustainable future™”. This new brand identity package was developed by a Branding Task Group, chaired by Past President John H. Mitchell, CHMM, comprised of prominent past and present organization leaders and charged by the organization’s Board of Directors to create “a new organizational name that will appeal to all professionals in the environmental, health, safety and security industry.”

UPDATE: Remedial Work Plan Implementation, University of Connecticut-Landfill Closure

By James Pietrzak, P.E., CHMM

The University’s consultant observed remediation activities and construction associated with the approved Landfill Closure Plan dated January 2004. Remedial work was performed on the landfill and former chemical pits between 2006 and 2008. The work was observed in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices and the requirements of the contract documents. Based on field observations and the results of field and laboratory testing, it is the University’s opinion that the wetland remediation, landfill cover, leachate interceptor trenches and related systems were constructed in general conformance with the contract documents and the requirements of RCSA Section 22a-209-13(f). Also, it is opinion of the University that the subject closure is in compliance with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order SRD-101.

Former Chemical Pits: At the former chemical pits, contaminated soil had been previously excavated from the area. Although not required under the RSRs, a flexible membrane liner (FML) cap was installed to reduce infiltration of precipitation into this area, which, in turn, will reduce groundwater recharge and migration. The FML was graded to improve drainage and covered with a minimum of 18 in. of soil and



**Former Chemical Pit Area Looking East
Liner and Backfill Placed then Hydro-Seeded**

erosion control layers and provided with stormwater run-on and run-off controls.

RSR Requirements - Remediation of residual contaminated groundwater within the underlying bedrock is required under the RSRs and includes the following actions.

- **Technical Impracticability Variance (TIV)** - A TIV was requested in the RAP and was approved by DEP. The TIV addresses the residual dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPL) and other COCs in bedrock groundwater because their removal to achieve numerical RSR criteria is not technically feasible.

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**Remedial Work Plan Implementation
UConn Landfill Closure**

CT ACHMM Operating Plan for 2009

Goals and Objectives

- Support the ACHMM National Conference in Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, August 30 – September 2
- Continue to Increase Membership
- Submit annual IRS filing and state filing to maintain tax exempt and incorporated status
- Continue to Upgrade Website
- Continue to dialogue with CTDEP
- Lobby for increased point allotment for attendance at meetings
- Conduct General Membership Meetings followed by Chapter Business (March , June , Nov)
- Establish a record of member participation for Points verification

January

- Board of Directors conference call- January 15 (1:00-2:00 PM) Tel 888-955-5366 code 391092
- Annual Reporting to National Academy due Jan 30

February

- Board of Directors Meeting @ Olympia Diner February 11 (8-9AM)
- Winter Newsletter
- Quarterly Call with National Office Friday, February 20, at 12:00 pm, Tel: 1-866-895-5510 and the pass code is 721391

March

- General Membership Dinner Meeting (Location TBD)
- ACHMM Leadership Workshop March 25-27 (St. Louis, MO)

April

- Board of Directors conference call- April 24 (9:30-10:00 AM) Tel 888-955-5366 code 391092
- Field Safety Corporation CHMM Review Course April 1-3 – Rocky Hill

May

- Spring Newsletter
- Regulatory Update

June

- General Membership Meeting (Venue TBD)
- Quarterly Call with National Office

July

- Board of Directors conference call- July 24 (9:30-10:00 AM) Tel 888-955-5366 code 391092
- President Appoints Nominating Committee

August

- Summer Newsletter – August

September

- ACHMM National Conference— Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, August 30 – September 2
- Board of Directors Conference call-September 25th (9:30-10:00 AM) Tel 888-955-5366 code 391092
- Call for Nomination of Officers for 2009

October

- Send out ballots Officers and Directors for 2009
- Quarterly Call with National Office

November

- General Membership Meeting (Venue TBD)
- Regulatory Update
- Fall Newsletter

December

- Board of Directors Conference Call-Dec 4 (9:30-10:00 AM) Tel 888-955-5366 code 391092
- Secretary reports election results
- Quarterly Call with National Office

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- ELUR - An ELUR will be placed on the former chemical pit areas once the remedy is implemented.
- Post Closure - Operations, maintenance and monitoring will be performed to maintain the integrity and performance characteristics of the cover throughout the post-closure period.
- Bedrock Groundwater – AN ELUR will be placed on UConn properties located within the interpreted extent of contaminated groundwater.