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ASHMM SUMMER 2005 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the President

It's officially summer time in Alabama, and I hope you found time for some fun activities. Our summer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. We will meet at the Alabama Technology Network (ATN) Corporate Offices Complex located at 500 Beacon Parkway West in Birmingham, Alabama. Directions to the ATN offices are provided in this newsletter.

Thanks to ASHMM member Gerry Stafford, CHMM, we have an outstanding program scheduled for our meeting. Representatives from the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF), which is located on the Anniston Army Depot (ANAD), will present details about the ANCDF and its mission to safely destroy the chemical weapons that have been stored at ANAD since the early 1960s. The chemical weapons stored at ANAD consist of various munitions and chemical agents, containing GB and VX nerve agents or HD and HT blister agent. Construction of the facility was completed in 2001, and the Army began disposing of the chemical agent munitions on August 9, 2003. The ANCDF uses high-temperature incineration technology to destroy the chemical agent munitions.

ANCDF representatives will present a video that details how the facility operates as well as the role played by key personnel. In addition, Gerry Stafford (CHMM) will present information focused on environmental compliance and hazardous waste operations at the ANCDF.

A brief Chapter meeting will follow the program. For planning purposes, please contact Sharon Burns at sburns@ttlinc.com or (334) 244-0766 and let her know if you plan on attending the meeting.

Unfortunately, due to limited registration, the Board has decided to cancel our CHMM Review Course scheduled for the August 2 – 4, 2005, at Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama. The February 2005 course was very successful so we would like to schedule another review course sometime in 2006. If you know someone who is interested in taking the review course, please have them contact Linda Zander at zanderl@anl.gov or (205) 437-0765.

The Board is continually looking for opportunities for our Chapter to promote the environmental, health and safety profession and to gain new ASHMM members. In keeping with that goal, ASHMM, with a stipend from the ACHMM, is sponsoring a booth at the 18th Annual Alabama Governor's Safety and Health Conference scheduled for August 29-31, 2005, at the Perdido Beach Resort. The booth fee includes attendance of all conference activities and provided meals for one person. Is anyone interested in attending the event on our behalf? If so, please contact Jeff Lunceford at jlunceford@ensafe.com or (205) 425-3427.

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ASHMM QUARTERLY MEETING

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The ASHMM Quarterly Meeting is fast-approaching! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to network with your peers and enjoy the ANCDF presentation. Thanks to ASHMM member Gerry Stafford for organizing such an interesting program, and to ASHMM member Robert Tomlinson for arranging the meeting location at the Alabama Technology Network Corporate Office! Please let Sharon Burns (sburns@ttlinc.com) know if you plan on attending the meeting by August 3, 2005.

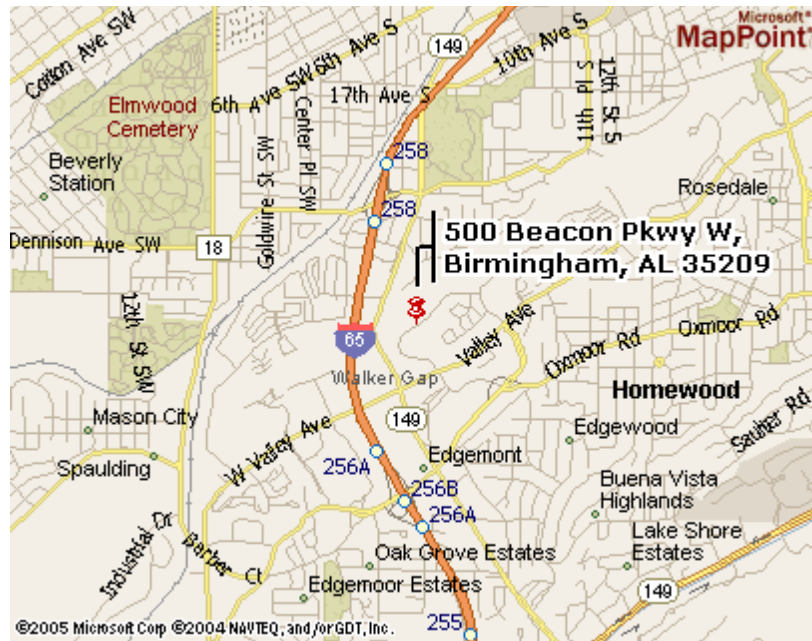
Thursday, August 4, 2005

5:00 p.m. Networking
Including refreshments

5:30 p.m. Program followed
by brief Chapter meeting

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500 Beacon Parkway West ♦
Birmingham, Alabama ♦
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ALABAMA TECHNOLOGY NETWORK IS LOCATED IN THE WORLD BUSINESS CENTER ON THE LOWER LEVEL.



SPRING MEETING UPDATE

ASHMM members at the Vulcan Materials' Dolcito Quarry



The ASHMM Spring Meeting was a tremendous success! The meeting was held May 5, 2005, at Vulcan Materials Dolcito Quarry in Birmingham. An informative discussion of the operation of the quarry was provided, followed by a tour of the quarry itself. Vulcan has owned the Quarry since 1989, but the Quarry itself is 115 years old! ASHMM members were even treated to a rock crushing demonstration! Special thanks are in order for ASHMM member Stacy Whittington for organizing the program and tour, and to Derek Roberts, Jimmy Baldwin and Charlie Stephens for providing the program and tour.

- **August 4th, 2005**—ASHMM Quarterly Meeting at the Alabama Technology Network Corporate Office beginning at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Learn about the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF).



ANCDF Milestones/Facts

- Weapons storage began 1961
- ANCDF construction began 1997
- Construction concluded 2001 Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility
- Disposal operations began August 9, 2003

ANCDF Operations have safely disposed of:

- 42,738 GB-filled M55 rockets and 24 Warheads (0 remaining)
- 16,026 GB-filled 8-inch projectiles (0 remaining)
- 9,600 GB-filled 155mm projectiles (0 remaining)
- 701,020 pounds of liquid GB
- 32 storage igloos have been emptied

- **August 29-31, 2005**—The 18th Annual Alabama Governor's Safety and Health Conference at the Perdido Beach Resort. The booth fee includes attendance of all conference activities and provided meals for one person. Is anyone interested in attending the event on our behalf?



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- **September 25 – 29, 2005**—The 2005 ACHMM National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. This conference provides a great opportunity to earn your CMPs for the year!



- **November 4 -5, 2005**—8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Course and ASHMM Annual Meeting. The refresher course will be provided by ASHMM members. Please plan on attending if you are in need of your refresher course. Please note the course is open to all professionals, not just ASHMM members. **Tell your colleagues about this opportunity.**



05 ACHMM National Conference

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TOP-NOTCH PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR ACHMM NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS

*CHMM National Overview Course Set for
September 23-25*

As part of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) National Conference, a highly regarded pre-conference program will be offered to hazardous materials management professionals from September 23-25 in St. Louis.



Several workshops, refresher courses and the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) National Overview Course will be part of the activities leading up to the 19th Annual ACHMM National Conference – “Gateway to the Future of EHS Management.” All of the pre-conference workshops allow participants to qualify for Institute of Hazardous Materials Management recertification points toward the CHMM credential.

More than 700 environmental, health, safety, homeland security and emergency response professionals are expected to attend the four-day national conference being held from September 25-29 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at Union Station.

“ACHMM’s pre-conference program is designed to provide ACHMM members and other hazardous materials management industry professionals with unique training opportunities,” said ACHMM President Allison A. King, CHMM. “These workshops and training sessions will provide current and potential CHMMs with numerous opportunities to stay up to date on the latest information and trends regarding the industry and meet all of their professional development needs.”

CHMM National Overview Course

ACHMM has assembled an all-star team of instructors from the St. Louis area to present the CHMM National Overview Course. The three-day session from September 23-25 is a comprehensive review of environmental laws and regulations and applicable health requirements. Topics range from sampling and laboratory analysis of hazardous materials to compliance bylaws and multimedia applications of environmental management.

Industry professionals also will have the opportunity to take the CHMM Exam on September 28. Interested individuals must apply to IHMM by no later than August 17.

Additional Pre-Conference Sessions

The other pre-conference courses include:

- **Hazwoper Refresher Training (September 24)** – This course will cover the requirements of the OSHA standard for annual competence for personnel working at hazardous waste sites.

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ACHMM CONFERENCE TO FEATURE TOP INDUSTRY SPEAKERS

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September Event in St. Louis Ideal for Environmental, Health, Safety, Emergency Response and Homeland Security Experts

May 2005 – Several of the hazardous materials industry's key professionals will be featured speakers at the Academy of the Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM) 2005 National Conference this September in St. Louis, Missouri.

The 19th Annual National Conference – “Gateway to the Future of EHS Management” – is being held September 25-29, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in St. Louis at Union Station. Several pre-conference workshops and training sessions will be held on September 23 and 24.

The 2005 ACHMM conference keynote speaker is author **Richard Preston**, who has written critically acclaimed books on emerging diseases and biotechnology. **His presentation, *Demon in the Freezer*, will be held on Monday, September 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. during the conference's opening session.**



Richard Preston

“ACHMM is honored to have Richard Preston as its 2005 National Conference Keynote Speaker,” said William Romeo, CHMM, National Conference Chair. “He will provide unprecedented details into the U.S. government’s response to the anthrax attacks of October 2001 – the first major bioterror event in the U.S. and second largest investigation in FBI history. Every member of the hazardous materials community should not miss this session.”

Preston will take ACHMM conference attendees into the epicenter of national biodefense and show what is at stake for the scientists fighting to stay one step ahead of the new threat, and what future bioterror attacks could mean for the world. He also will tell the inside story of how scientists are finding ways to protect civilian populations against these horrific weapons.

Preston is the author of five critically acclaimed books on emerging diseases and biotechnology. He has won the American Institute of Physics Award, the AAAS-Westinghouse Award, and the McDermott Award in the Arts from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the only non-physician to have received the Champion of Prevention Award from the Centers for Disease Control.

Other featured speakers include:

» Branta, Inc. founder **Rodney Grieve**, who has more than 10 years of experience in hands-on environmental compliance and health and safety experience in the highly regulated hazardous waste industry. He will provide conference attendees with 6 1/2 simple tools that will make an immediate impact on any EHS program. He will expose the myths of traditional EHS management while delivering simple, effective tools to prove value, gain cooperation, and save lives. **Grieve will be speaking on Tuesday, September 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. during the conference’s general session.**



Rodney Grieve

» **Col. Edward Badolato, USMC (Ret.)**, former deputy assistant secretary responsible for security at the Department of Energy under Presidents Reagan and Bush who now serves as vice president for homeland security for The Shaw Group. He has been chairman of the board of directors for the National Cargo Security Council, and



Edward Badolato

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As our Chapter has done the in the past two years, ASHMM plans to conduct an 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher Course on November 4, 2005. Conveniently scheduled the day before our ASHMM annual meeting (November 5), this refresher course is a great training opportunity for ASHMM members as well as non-CHMMs. We encourage you to sign up for this training. We are looking to return to the beach for our November meeting, provided we can find suitable accommodations. Watch your emails and our Chapter website www.ashmm-al.org for more details.

On behalf of your Board, thank you for your continued support of ASHMM and we look forward to seeing you on August 4th!

Linda

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- **ISO 14001 Workshop: 2004 EMS Design, Implementation and Internal Auditing (September 24 and 25)** – The workshop will focus on the new ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System Standard, while incorporating the U.S. EHS "law of the land."
- **DOT Refresher Training: Air and Highway Shipping per IATA and DOT Regulations (September 25)** – The class will review all aspects of shipping environmental samples and sample preservatives: identification, classification, packaging, marking, labeling documentation and placarding.

In addition to the pre-conference program, ACHMM conference attendees will have numerous opportunities to learn innovative new strategies and practices, share ideas, conduct business, and network with colleagues from across the country. The conference will feature seven strong technical tracks: emergency response and homeland defense; waste minimization, pollution prevention and green building; regulatory requirements and updates in legal trends; EHS management and management principles; new and emerging technologies; safety and industrial health; and environmental actions.

Other conference highlights include motivational speeches by some of the industry's leading experts; four different behind-the-scenes facility tours; two emergency response exercises involving a methamphetamine lab; and an exhibit hall packed with innovative services and products showcasing the latest that the EHS industry has to offer.

ACHMM members and other industry professionals are encouraged to register online for the ACHMM 2005 Conference in St. Louis. **A special Early Bird rate is being offered until August 15, 2005.**

Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers Web Site:
<http://www.achmm.org>

For more information about ACHMM's 2005 Annual Conference or to register, visit: <http://www2.kuce.org/achmm/>

OTHER BUSINESS

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- There are still several members who have not paid their 2005 ASHMM dues. If you're not sure if your 2005 dues have been paid, please contact ASHMM Treasurer Mike Carter at mrcarter@mindspring.com. A dues notice is attached to this newsletter email. You can mail your dues to Mike Carter or bring a check with you to the meeting on August 4th.
- Please mark your calendars now with all our meeting and course dates listed throughout the newsletter and on our Chapter website: www.ashmm-al.org.
- The ASHMM Fall Meeting is scheduled for November 4-5, 2005. The location has yet to be determined, but plans are underway to find a location on the coast. Additional information will follow as details become available.

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was appointed by the White House as chairman of the FAA's Air Cargo Security Working Group. Col. Badolato is an advisor to U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's Global Maritime and Security Transportation School and a member of the board of trustees of the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute. **He will be speaking on Tuesday, September 28 from 10:45 a.m. to noon during the conference's closing plenary session.**

A Conference for All Hazmat Professionals

More than hazardous materials professionals are expected to attend this year's ACHMM conference in St. Louis. It has been specifically tailored to different types of hazardous materials managers, ranging from those in the environmental, health and safety field as well as individuals involved in homeland security and emergency response.

"This conference is more than just a gathering for ACHMM members," Romeo said. "It is one of the hazardous materials industry's premier events and will bring together key experts on today's most pressing issues. In today's politically charged world, hazardous materials have taken on a much more prominent role and this year's conference will provide hazardous materials managers with the proper tools to provide a safer world."

The ACHMM conference will feature technical sessions about key industry issues; countless networking opportunities; behind-the-scenes facility tours; and an exhibit hall packed with innovative services and products.

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Our Mission

The Alabama Society of Hazardous Materials Managers (ASHMM) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to fostering professional development through continuing education, peer group interaction, and the exchange of ideas/information relating to hazardous materials management and the Certified Hazardous Materials manager (CHMM) credential.

Chartered in 1985, ASHMM is the Alabama Chapter of the **Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers** (ACHMM), one of 54 chapters. The **Institute of Hazardous Materials Management** (IHMM) created the CHMM credential. This credential represents only the beginning of a career long journey for a hazardous materials professional. Membership in the Academy and ASHMM creates professional status and nurtures a source of livelihood. Membership allows for individual members to network and increase their effectiveness and scope as hazardous materials managers. Both local and national affiliations allow members to expand their horizons of obtaining technical information and assistance or the opportunity to look for new or better employment.

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