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OFFICERS WANTED!

If you have an interest in joining the NMSHMM executive board, please let us know. These participation benefits await you:

- Certification points
- Gain experience in a non-profit organization
- Resume builder
- Meet people, network, build relationships in the industry

Please notify officer of your interest. Or even better ... join us at our upcoming meeting and let us know in person.

NMSHMM has restarted the newsletter to improve our ability to communicate with members.

Presidents Message ... We're Back and Moving Ahead

President: Sandra Martin at president@nmsHMM.org

This is our first newsletter in a while that will provide you with information what is happening within our Society. We plan to distribute this newsletter monthly through our email list. The newsletter is one way to keep up with our content right in your inbox. We'll highlight some of our upcoming events and share information from you, from AHMP, affiliated organizations and current news. And don't worry; we won't use this forum to promote any political opinions. This newsletter

is for you, so contribute!

You might not be aware, but we had to say goodbye to the Board Secretary Stephanie Juddo. Stephanie has replaced her Environmental hardhat with that of a business owner. Don Meyer has volunteered to fill in the duties until a replacement can be made. We wish her the best of luck.

The 2012 operating budget, calendar of events, officer elections are slated to be approved

at the Board meeting on February 21, 2012. The monthly meetings are open to any member to attend. Members old and new are encouraged to get involved if not as a Board member but as a volunteer. We have so much ahead in 2012 to elevate networking opportunities through membership. Please encourage colleagues to join the Society. If everyone recruited one new member the Society remains in a very healthy position.

AHMP News

The 2012 Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) Leadership Conference will be held in Denver on April 18-20. This is closest the Leadership Conference has been to New Mexico since the conference was held in Albuquerque several years ago. This will be an excellent opportunity to obtain leadership training and meet AHMP board members and chapter

leaders from around the country. It is also a good way to get recertification points.

The National Conference will be held a little further away. This year's conference will be in Anchorage, Alaska from September 9th through 13th. If you have not been to Alaska, this is your chance. And the snow should be melted by September – providing a great opportunity to see all

the sights. Abstracts for presentations are currently being accepted. Award nominations are also being received at this time.

Information on the AHMP Leadership Conference and AHMP National Conference can be found on the web at www.achmm.org.

Save the Date:

NMSHMM Annual Dinner will be held on March 30 at Savoy Bar and Grill, speaker to be determined

ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?

To remain an active member of the New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers, you must keep your dues current. Annual dues are \$30 per member. **2012 NMSHMM DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE.**

Payment by Check

To pay your dues by check, make the check payable to "NMSHMM". Mail payment to NMSHMM, PO Box 40353, Albuquerque, NM 87196.

Secure Payment Online

Payment by secured Visa or MasterCard will only be accepted after **March 1 thru April 30th**. Follow the instructions on the NMSHMM web site at <http://www.nmshmm.org>.

If you have any questions, please contact the NMSHMM Treasurer at treasurer@nmshmm.org.

NMSHMM Scholarship

The NMSHMM Scholarship for the UNM Sustainability program is being finalized. More information will be presented in an upcoming newsletter.

Environment Department Seeks Applicants for Recycling and Illegal Dump Grants

Grant Helps Communities Increase Recycling and Abate Illegal Dumps and Stockpiles

The New Mexico Environment Department is seeking applicants for its 2012-2013 Recycling and Illegal Dumping grants. Approximately \$600,000 will be awarded to local communities to help abate illegal dumping and promote recycling.

Municipalities, counties, pueblos or tribes, land grant communities, cooperative associations and solid waste authority are eligible for the funds. \$400,000 will be awarded for scrap tire projects and \$200,000 will go to non-tire projects.

Tire grants can be used to abate illegal tire dumps and stockpiles, tire amnesty /education days, purchase of tire derived products (e.g., ground rubber for playgrounds), construction of tire bale projects, design of tire bale monofill, and education.

Grant funds could also be used to cover any additional cost that a community might incur for using rubberized asphalt for a project instead of using conventional paving materials.

Recycling and Illegal Dumping grants can be used to eliminate or reducing illegal dump sites; develop education and prevention programs for illegal dumping; or provide for recycling infrastructure, education, or market development.

Applications are due April 6, 2012. Information, instructions and applications for the grants are located on the department's Solid Waste Bureau Web site at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb/ <<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb/>> .

For more information about tire grants, contact Toni Duggan at (505) 827-0559 or toni.duggan@state.nm.us <<mailto:tim.gray@state.nm.us>> . For information about non-tire grants, contact Tim Gray at (505)827-0129 or tim.gray@state.nm.us.

Asbestos Soil Removal at Two Sites in Albuquerque



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contractors are removing asbestos contaminated soils at two locations in Albuquerque. Silco manufactured insulation at 1822 First Street NW and 5119 Edith Boulevard NE. The asbestos was used as home insulation and sold under names such

5119 Edith site and approximately 1,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed from the 1822 First NW site. Removal activities continued as of February 3rd. Information on asbestos can be found on the USEPA web site at <http://www.epa.gov/asvasbestos/pubs/verm.html>.

Source: Albuquerque Journal 1/19/12, p. C1; Eric Johnson observed sites on 2/3/12.

as Zonalite and Texas Vermiculite. The original source of the asbestos was vermiculite shipped from the W.R. Grace Mine in Libby, Montana. Around 68,000 tons of vermiculite was shipped to New Mexico from 1967 to 1988. Up to 5,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed from the



Photos of asbestos removal activities at sites at 5119 Edith Boulevard NE above and 1722 First Street NW below.

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<http://www.nmshmm.org>

Upcoming NMSHMM Events

Date	Event	Location
Feb 21	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.
Feb 21	Luncheon Meeting	NMED Office, 5500 San Antonio NE, 12:00-1:00 pm, "How One Mercury Site Transformed New Jersey's Remediation Program" . Webinar presentation and brown bag lunch.
Mar 20	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.
Mar 30	Annual Dinner	Savoy Grill Bar and Grill, 10300 Montgomery Blvd. NE, 6:00 – 9:30 pm. Speaker to be determined.
Apr 16	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees
Apr 17	Luncheon Meeting	Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. "Explosive Hazard Classification Testing" , Chris Barth, Hazardous Materials Packaging Engineer at Sandia National Laboratories.

The New Mexico Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association holds its regular luncheon meeting the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 10415 Central Avenue NE (@ Eubank), Albuquerque, NM 87123, Mike du Mond, e-mail: du_Mond@juno.com

ASSE: This year the conference will be held for 1 day at the UNM Continuing Education Building on April 2, 2012. If you are interested in speaking, please let us know. Visit the NM Chapter ASSE webpage <http://nmasse.org/content.php?page=PDC> <<http://nmasse.org/content.php?page=PDC>> for additional information and we hope to see you there.

NMSHMM News Contributions: We encourage contributions to the newsletter. Our monthly newsletter is published the second week of every month. It includes information about technical meetings, updates from the AHMP National Office, and articles from our members (around 500 words) about projects they are involved in that would be of interest to our membership. Once a year we will send a hard copy. The deadline for article submission is the last Friday of each month.

About NMSHMM...

NMSHMM's mission is to provide environmental professionals in the Southwest with a forum for professional development, education

and networking opportunities; and to offer our community environmental, health, and safety expertise.