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NMSHMM Annual Dinner will be held on March 30 at Savoy Bar and Grill, speaker is Bruce Milne, Director of UNM Sustainability Studies Program.

RSVP by e-mail to:
treasurer@nshmm.org.

Cost is \$20 per person. Payment accepted by credit card in advance or cash or credit card at the door.

Presidents Message ...

President: Sandra Martin at president@nshmm.org

This is my last newsletter to you as President of NMSHMM, Roadrunner Chapter. In March, Vickie Maranville, will take the reins as President at the Annual dinner on March 30, 2012. I say good-bye but not so long as I will humbly serve for the board as past-president.

I am truly honored to have served as NMSHMM's President this past year and have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Board—Vickie, Mark, Don, Tyler, and Debbie—one of the most dynamic and diverse groups that I have ever experienced. They all worked so hard for our membership. It was a pleasure to represent you and NMSHMM at the National Conference in Austin, Texas, as

representative at the quarterly regional meetings for chapter development, hostess at the technical luncheons at Macaroni Gill and at the almost successful recorded technical session in February at the NMED District Office. It was an interesting afternoon just short of sound (Ha-ha for those in attendance). These opportunities provided a voice for our chapter and a face to convey our message to other National chapters about who we are, what we do, and how we can help.

Many exciting things have been happening with more still to come. A few changes were the new look to NMSHMM Website and restoring the

newsletter. A huge thank you goes to our Webmaster Shelly for timely services and Eric Johnson for championing the newsletter. Thank you to Paul Karas, esteemed and soon departing educational chair. Thank all of the members for making time to participate in the education, social and technical sessions. Annually, your support and contributions to the community remain outstanding and provide exceptional networking events.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who are chairing committees or serving as committee members locally and nationally. NMSHMM and AHMP are volunteer organization and would not be thriving without you.

AHMP News

The 2012 Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) National Conference will be held a little further away. This year's conference will be in Anchorage, Alaska from September 9th through 13th. Alaska Airlines is providing reduced fares from Alaska Airlines cities, such as Denver and

Phoenix. Valid travel dates are from September 6 through September 20. See website: <http://www.ahmpnet.org/sites/conf/anchorage2012/aska.php>

Awards nominations are still being accepted. The AHMP awards will be presented at the National Conference.

Registration remains open for the AHMP Leadership Conference. It will be held in Denver from April 18 through April 20.

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

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.

Bruce Milne, UNM Sustainability Studies Program, to Speak at NMSHMM Dinner

NMSHMM To Donate To Scholarship Program

The NMSHMM members generously voted in 2011 to donate \$10,000 to a university for a scholarship fund. The scholarship committee, including Sandra Martin, Eric Johnson, Kelly Bowles, and Debbie Finfrock, selected the University of New Mexico's Sustainability Studies Program (SSP) as a worthy recipient of that donation. The NMSHMM Fund will not be an endowed scholarship, but it will provide needed support for students in this multi-disciplinary program. Dr. Bruce Milne, the SSP director, will speak at the NMSHMM Annual Dinner to explain the program to members and receive the check. Yolanda Dominguez of the UNM Foundation will also be present at the dinner.

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. For more information, e-mail president@nmshmm.org.

Water Information Sources on the Web



Top photo – Rio Grande at Central Avenue in Albuquerque. Bottom photo – Rio Grande tributary north of Chama.

It is almost spring time when we wonder, often during dust storms, if there will be enough water. Obviously, water receives much attention in New Mexico. This article provides an overview of where to get New Mexico water information on the web.

A good place to start is the National Weather Service web site: <http://www.srh.noaa.ov/abq>. The site includes forecasts and weather summaries. Another site with weather summary information is the Western Climate Summary site:

<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/climsum.html>. This site contains historic information for key New Mexico communities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service site has information on snowfall, which can be helpful in predicting spring runoff: <http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/Snow/index.html>.

The U.S. Geological Survey is a prime source for surface and groundwater data: <http://nm.water.usgs.gov/>. The real-time data on stream flows is especially helpful. Information on the water operations, such as dams, in New Mexico basins can be found on the Bureau of Reclamation's web site: <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/alb>. Environmental documents on the

basins in New Mexico are also found on this site. The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer *Waters Information* database provides good information on depth to groundwater and water rights <http://nmwrrs.ose.state.nm.us/nmwrrs/index.html>. This site is especially helpful for groundwater data for specific locations in New Mexico.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau has extensive information on their web site: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/sqwb/>. With regards to water quality in streams, the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) links and lists of impaired waters (303d-305b list/report) are quite helpful. The NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau site may be of most interest to hazardous materials <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/>. On the Ground Water Quality Bureau site, the Remediation Oversight Section link contains list of state remediation sites.

This article does not aim to provide a complete list of web sites, but hopefully, it provides a good start for obtaining water information.

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See us at:
<http://www.nmshmm.org>

Upcoming NMSHMM Events

Date	Event	Location
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. Bruce Milne, UNM, speaker. RSVP to treasurer@nmshmm.org . Cost is \$20 per person. Payment accepted by credit card in advance or cash or credit card at the door.
April 17	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.
April 18	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.
May 15	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees
May 16	Luncheon Meeting	Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

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.