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AHMP News

The Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) will celebrate their 25th anniversary at the AHMP National Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. An expanded program with an emergency response simulation is planned. This year's conference will be from September 9th through 13th. If you have not been to Alaska, this is your chance to see a moose, glaciers, and the tallest peak in the USA. Conference and registration information can be found on the web at: http://www.ahmpnet.org/sites/conf/anchor_age2012/home.php.

Looking Forward – How Can NMSHMM Serve You Better?

Summer has finally arrived, and I am sure most of you are busy with work and vacation. It seems that we are all busy, and there is never enough time in the day to complete everything on our daily "to do" list. I would like to ask the membership, what can we do to serve you better? As you all are aware, we have monthly luncheons with guest speakers. We would like to have more members attend the luncheons. Is the time or location preventing you from attending, or is it the topics? I would like to hear from the membership on what the Board can do to increase attendance at the monthly luncheons. Would you attend if we announced speakers at three month intervals? Would you attend if we changed to the location? Maybe a lunch meeting is just too difficult to fit in your busy schedule? If so, please let us know. Over the next few months, we will be sending an email survey to our

membership regarding the luncheons and social events. Your input is important, so please take the time to respond. The Board will evaluate all feedback received and try to implement changes to increase attendance at our luncheons, social events or meetings. Since we understand your time is important, the survey will be short and to the point. Your input is greatly appreciated!

The Annual Isotopes Night is approaching quickly. Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 3, 2012 at Isotopes Park. The event begins at 6 PM, with a 7:05 PM game time. The Isotopes will be playing the Las Vegas 51's! This will be a joint event with the Rio Grande Chapter of the Health Physics Society. Tickets include an all you can eat buffet dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork and chicken; with chips and salsa, baked beans and coleslaw; not to

mention soft drinks, and cookies and brownies. The event will be held on the Fiesta Deck, which offers great views of the game from the Suite-level. If you have not attended this event in the past, please mark your calendars. This is a great opportunity to network, relax, enjoy good food, and support our local baseball team. Additional details, including member cost will be provided shortly in the form of an email announcement. I look forward to the best turn out ever!

Please remember to be safe this summer. Safety is not only part of our job, but part of our daily life. I encourage you all to incorporate safety into your daily activities, including yard work! Have a safe and relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings, luncheons and social events. As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you!

NMED Revises Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) published revised Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) regulations that became effective on March 17, 2012. The main changes were to rules on equipment, testing, operating practices, and enforcement, but there were many changes throughout the rules.

The exemption for emergency generator tanks was eliminated. Now, emergency generator tanks systems must be registered by June 15, 2012.

Several regulations have been added for above-ground storage tanks (ASTs). A list of elements for AST installation

including concrete foundation, support, and secondary containment are included.

Several release detection provisions were changed in the revised rules. New and replaced underground storage tanks (UST) installed after April 4, 2008 must use interstitial monitoring for release detection.

Older systems installed prior to April 4, 2008 may continue to use monthly inventory control with tank tightness testing. Options for visual inspection of double walled-walled and double-bottomed ASTs were clarified and revised. Report requirements for annual



line leak detector testing are provided. Emergency generator tanks are exempted from the release detection requirements.

Several rules regarding corrective action were changed. The NMED Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau (PSTB) has oversight responsibilities for all tank cleanups no matter the source of funds whether from the Corrective Action Fund, an owner or other source. PSTB approval is required before a tier evaluation or risk assessment can be conducted. The requirement for drilling into groundwater for all site investigations was eliminated. A vapor mitigation standard of 10 percent of the lower

explosive limit was established and meets the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard.

Other revisions included: (1) a certified tank installer is not required for closure; (2) the certified installer renewal process has been streamlined; (3) the threshold soil standard for releases was revised; and (4) Operation and Maintenance Plans for unmanned facilities may be kept at an alternate location.

More information is available at the June 20th NMSHMM meeting and on the PSTB link of the NMED web site: www.nmenv.state.nm.us/.



Service stations remain popular despite rising gas prices.

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Upcoming NMSHMM Events

Date	Event	Location
June 19	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.
June 20	Luncheon Meeting	Jennifer Pruet, New Mexico Environment Department, speaking on new Petroleum Storage Tank rules, at Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.
July 17	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.
July 18	Luncheon Meeting	At Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, details to be announced.
August 3	Isotopes Baseball	Isotopes Park, 6:00 pm, food will be served, e-mail: treasurer@nmshmm.org for more information.
August 21	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.

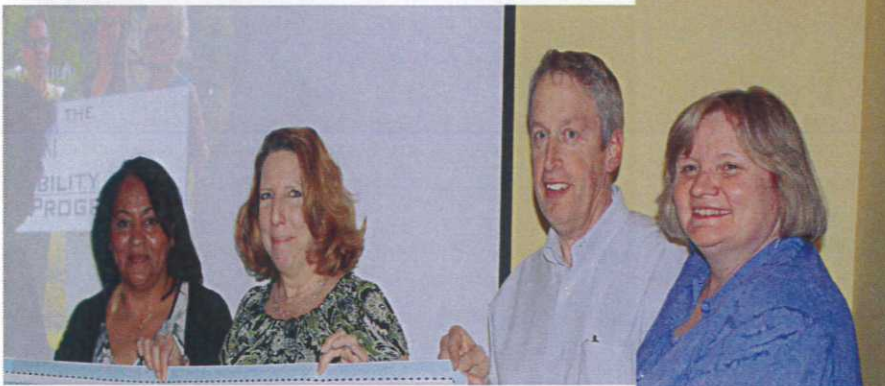
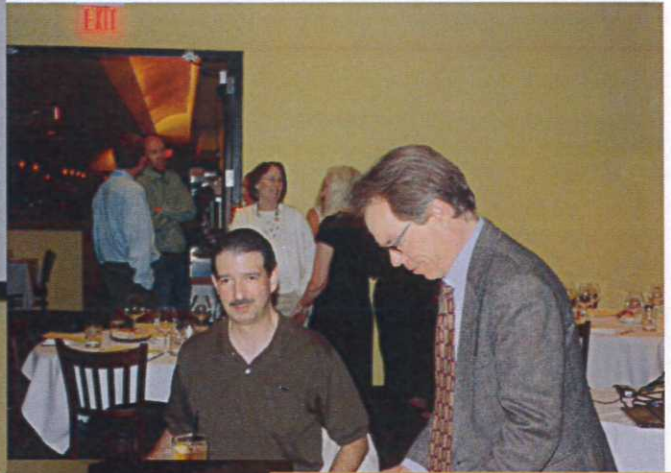
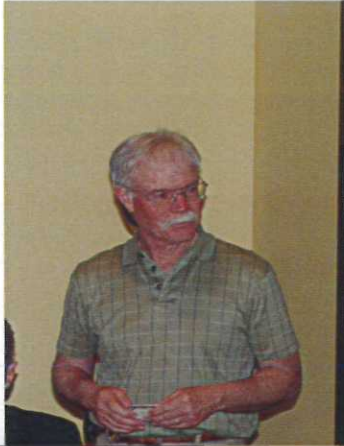
The New Mexico Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association holds its regular luncheon meeting the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 10415 Central Avenue NE (@ Eubank), Albuquerque, NM 87123, Mike du Mond, e-mail: du_Mond@juno.com

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.

2012 Annual Dinner
Savoy Bar and Grill



Interested in planning the next dinner?
Contact president@nmshmm.org