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November and December Events

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This much anticipated update is currently taking place, and the publication will be **released no later than March 30, 2013**.

There will be a number of changes including the following: The reference will be redesigned to better serve as a one-stop science, regulatory, and management technical text. New chapters will be added to expand breadth of subject matter covered. The updated content will reflect regulatory changes. Over 450 review questions with answer key will be included. **NMSHMM will sell copies at a reduced rate.** Contact education@nmshmm.org.

The Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) will hold their 2013 annual conference in Orlando, Florida.

Closed Albuquerque Landfills Is Topic at November NMSHMM Luncheon Meeting

Albuquerque's closed landfills will be the topic of our November 14 luncheon meeting. Suzanne Busch and Danny Zamora will be the presenters. Danny will also provide information on the city's household hazardous waste program. One CHMM recertification credit will be available. Please join us:

When: November 14

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana NE (north of I-40/Louisiana interchange) in Albuquerque

NMSHMM Holiday Social at Landry's in December

Believe it or not, the holiday season is just around the corner. And it wouldn't be the holidays without the NMSHMM Annual Holiday Social. This year's social will be at Landry's Seafood Restaurant. NMSHMM will be collecting donations for the Barrett Foundation: Helping Women and Children. There will be a business card drawing for holiday gifts. Guests, friends, and NMSHMM members are welcome.

When: December 14

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Landry's Seafood Restaurant
5001 Jefferson NE
(east of I-25/Jefferson interchange) in Albuquerque

Extreme Drought Conditions Continue In New Mexico

Do you remember the last time it rained? Was it September? It can be hard for us New Mexicans to relate to the horrible rains and floods experienced by residents of New Jersey and New York while we sweep the windblown dust from our homes and patios.

How bad is this drought? According to the National Weather Service, October 2012 was among the top 10 driest Octobers recorded since 1933 in Albuquerque. In comparison, no rain was recorded in October 1952, October 1975, 1995, and 2012 each had a trace of moisture. Similar conditions occurred this October throughout the rest of New Mexico with only a few communities (Clayton,

Los Alamos, and Roswell) receiving more than an inch of rain during October.

As mentioned in a November 3rd Albuquerque Journal article, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility (ABCWUA) continues to ask their customers to reduce their water use since only 5 inches of rain has been received this year (although this year's monsoon was highly variable across the Albuquerque metro area). Customers have responded by using 250 million gallons less water than last year at this time. ABCWUA recommends watering just once a



week this time of year and stop watering once overnight freezing temperatures begin.

This has not been a good one to go boating at the reservoir. Navajo Reservoir, along the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico, is just 65% full according to the University of Arizona's Climate Assessment for the Southwest. Even worse conditions occur along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico. Elephant Butte Reservoir is at 5% of capacity, and Caballo Reservoir is at 4% of capacity. Cochiti Lake and Abiquiu Reservoir were the only New Mexico reservoirs that increased water storage during August.

Much of the country has similar conditions. The National Climatic Data Center reports that 37%

of the country is experiencing severe to extreme drought conditions based on the Palmer Index. The drought has been most pronounced in the Midwest and Southwest. The dry conditions are expected to persist, but the areas affected may change.

More information on the drought can be found on the following websites: Governor's Drought Task Force - <http://www.nmdrought.state.nm.us>, National Climatic Data Center - <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/drought>, National Weather Service - <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq>, and University of Arizona - <http://www.climas.arizona.edu>.



Although New Mexico typically has a dry climate, the weather has been drier than usual.

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Upcoming NMSHMM Events

Date	Event	Location
Nov. 14	Luncheon Meeting	Suzanne Busch and Danny Zamora, of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, will discuss Albuquerque's Closed Landfills. Danny will also discuss Albuquerque's Household Hazardous Waste Program. Location: Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.
Nov. 19	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE, 5:00 pm. Dinner served to all attendees.
Dec. 13	Board Meeting	AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE. More information at www.nmshmm.org
Dec. 14	Annual Holiday Social	Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 5001 Jefferson NE, 5:30-7:30 pm
Jan. 16	Luncheon Meeting	Speaker to be announced
Jan. 17	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.