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The 3rd Edition of the Hazardous Materials Management Desk Reference retails for \$155.99 and is sold to AHMP members for \$115.99. NMSHMM members can order a copy for just **\$99.00**. Contact Tyler Irwin at irwinct@cdmsmith.com for more info.

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State Engineer to Speak at NMSHMM Annual Dinner on April 12, 6:30 pm, at Seasons

Scott Verhines, the New Mexico State Engineer, will be the keynote speaker at this year's NMSHMM Dinner at Season's in Albuquerque (2031 Mountain Road NW). With the drought continuing to severely impact New Mexico, State Engineer Verhines' perspective promises to be

informative. Come learn about New Mexico's current water supplies, permit issues, and interstate compact status.

In addition, plan to socialize and join your fellow NMSHMM members for our annual event to celebrate another NMSHMM year.

As always, there will be door prizes and an annual update from the NMSHMM board.

The cost will be \$25 for members and guests of members (\$35 for non-members). Reservations and payments can be made on the NMSHMM website: <http://www.nmshmm.org> or email Tyler Irwin at treasurer@nmshmm.org.

Board Candidates and EHMM Course Volunteers Needed

NMSHMM needs you to contribute to the success of our organization. We run on 100 percent volunteer power.

Please consider running for a board position. President-Elect and Director-at-Large Positions are open. This is a chance to become more familiar with NMSHMM operations

and plans. We even serve free pizza at board meetings.

Election ballots will be sent out by email during the next month.

We also need volunteers to help organize the Essential of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM) course. This

is NMSHMM's main educational event. We depend on volunteers for its success.

If interested in a board position or helping with the EHMM course, please email eric@marroninc.com.

Santa Fe and Albuquerque Ranked High for Air Quality



As with many New Mexican, I have developed a bit of an inferiority complex regarding New Mexico's ranking on national indices. It seems like every other week, another study comes out with New Mexico ranked low for a socioeconomic issue such as child poverty, educational attainment, income levels, etc.

- 1 Santa Fe, NM
- 2 Cheyenne, WY
- 3 Prescott, AZ
- 4 Tucson, AZ
- 5 Albuquerque, NM (yes, Albuquerque ranked 5!)

Los Angeles was ranked as the worst city for ozone and Bakersfield, California, as the worst city for short-term and annual particulate matter levels.



Thus, I was surprised to see Santa Fe and Albuquerque receive high rankings for air quality in an American Lung Association study.

In their report, *State of the Air 2012*, the American Lung Association examined ozone levels, average short-term fine particulate matter levels ($PM_{2.5}$), and year-round fine particulate matter levels ($PM_{2.5}$). Believe it or not, Santa Fe was the only city in the country to be rated as one of the nation's cleanest cities for all three indicators. In fact, Santa Fe was ranked number one as the cleanest city for annual fine particulate matter levels:

Particulate matter pollution diminishes lung function, can lead to asthma, can cause cardiovascular illnesses, and increases mortality in infants and young children. Ozone can cause shortness of breath, chest pain, wheezing and coughing, asthma attacks, and susceptibility to respiratory infections.

So despite those spring wind storms, life is good in New Mexico. Life would be perfect if the Lobos basketball team could make it to the Sweet 16 – someday....

Eric Johnson

Source: American Lung Association website:
<http://www.lung.org>.



Upcoming NMSHMM Events

| Date | Event | Location |
|-----------------|--|---|
| April 12 | Annual Dinner, 6:30 pm, with Scott Verhines, NM State Engineer, as speaker (1 CMP) | Seasons, 2031 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, NM Cost is \$25 for NMSHMM members and guest. Cost is \$35 for non-members. Reserve on-line at http://www.nmshmm.org or email treasurer@nmshmm.org . Vegetarian entrees will be available. |
| April 18 | Board Meeting, 11:30 am | AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE |
| April 28 | Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, 7:30 am | Cottonwood Mall, Albuquerque |
| May 15 | Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 am (1 CMP) | Macaroni Grill, 2100 Louisiana NE |
| May 16 | Board Meeting, 5:30 pm | AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE |
| June 19 | Webinar, noon (1 CMP) | Information will be sent by email |
| June 20 | Board Meeting, 5:30 pm | AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE |
| October | EHMM Course | AMEC, 8519 Jefferson NE |

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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.

10th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday April 28th

Join Team NMSHMM at the 10th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on **Sunday April 28th** starting at the **Cottonwood Mall**. The 5-mile walk with a rolling start at **7:30 am** includes over to 10,000 walkers who have raised over \$400,000 annually for cancer awareness. Anyone can participate in the walk. There is no registration fee, but a waiver must be signed.

This year Team NMSHMM has purchased the **10th year T-shirt** for our membership to wear during the walk. On the front is the iconic Breast Cancer pink symbol and on the back NMSHMM Roadrunner is on the back. The cost of the t-shirt is \$12. Previn Martin, owner of Esphera Concepts, LLC, has sponsored half the cost and member the **cost is only \$6.**

T-shirt can be reserved at the annual dinner on April 12th or by emailing Sandra Martin at nmshmm@nmshmm.org. Include in the email subject box "ACS T-shirt". In the email message include

- your name,
- T-shirt size,
- T-shirt quantity, and
- a contact phone number.

