

NMSHMM Times

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Open Space Cleanup Event on April 26 at Piedra Lisa Open Space

NMSHMM will pitch in with the City of Albuquerque Open Space Spring Cleanup at the Piedra Lisa Open Space.

Please help the City of Albuquerque Open Space program with their efforts to keep Albuquerque's open spaces clean.

The clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Meet at the the Piedra Lisa Open Space: Go to the Tramway/Candelaria Road intersection, take Candelaria Road east, go south on Camino de la Sierra. Plan to arrive a little early for snacks.

Information on Albuquerque Open Space can be found on the internet at: <http://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/open-space/open-space> .

NMSHMM Officer Candidate Results

During the first quarter of 2014, NMSHMM held elections for open board positions:

- Don Meyer was elected to the position of President-Elect,
- Polly Wagner will serve as the Secretary, and
- Victoria Maranville was elected to the position of Director-at-Large.

NMSHMM officers play an active role in planning events and provide direction for our organization.

Board meetings are held monthly, with a few exceptions, at AMEC Environment & Infrastructure 8519 Jefferson NE, in Albuquerque. Please note that some meetings are conference calls.



Best Management Practices for Containers

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that the most common problem with generators of hazardous waste is the failure to meet the permit exemption requirements (for containers) as defined by regulation (see 40 CFR 262.34(a)(1)(i)). This regulation allows generators to temporarily store their hazardous wastes onsite, in containers, without a permit, provided that they meet certain container management requirements. A review of the findings from all the inspections conducted at petroleum refineries in EPA Region 6 showed violations related to container management occur twice as often as any other type of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) violation.

Generators can store hazardous wastes in containers on-site for 90 days or less without a RCRA permit. The waste must be stored under certain conditions:

1) The waste must be stored in containers that

meet the definition of a portable device (e.g., 55-gallon drums). Permanently mounted tanks, surface impoundments, and waste piles **would not** be considered containers.

2) The waste must be stored according to the full set of regulatory requirements outlined in 40 CFR 265, Subpart I.

Spring is a great time to go through your workplace and review the everyday practices that can lead to problems.

On your next weekly inspection take some time to:

- Review your waste characterization paperwork
- Evaluate your container selection process
- Take a good look at your container management practices

Look for the easy stuff like open containers, cluttered work areas, and unlabeled containers. There are numerous federal and state agencies that offer checklists to help guide

your evaluations. It can be difficult to change established practices, but documentation of conditions and actions taken should be a part of every successful hazardous waste management program.

Upcoming NMSHMM Events



Date	Event	Location and Information
April 17 5:30 pm	NMSHMM Board Meeting	This will be a conference call. Email Josh Montaña at usmarine786@gmail.com for call-in information.
April 26 9:00 am	Albuquerque Open Space clean up	Piedra Lisa Open Space, east of Tramway on Candelaria, go south on Camino de la Sierra
August	Albuquerque Isotopes Game	Isotope Park, more information will be provided in subsequent newsletters or email
October 1 through 3	EHMM Course	AMEC, Albuquerque. Cost \$525. Email irwinct@cdmsmith.com to register.

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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.

