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## IHMM Announces New Executive Director

[Rockville, Maryland, September 18, 2018] Robert A. West, CHMM, and Chair of the Board of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management [IHMM] today announced that IHMM's Board of Directors had appointed Eugene A Guilford, Jr. to the position of Executive Director, effective immediately.

For over thirty years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management, a non-profit organization founded in 1984, has been protecting the environment and the public's health, safety and security through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials.

Over 16,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM's accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager [CHMM] credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner [CHMP] and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional [CDGP] credentials.

"Gene is an outstanding leader who has been deeply involved in education and training, advocacy, and raising the standards of professionalism in the energy and hazardous materials fields for over two decades, building great non-profit organizations in service to consumers and the professionals we rely upon to ensure that our communities are safe," said Robert West, IHMM Board Chair. "Gene brings a rare combination of great skills and tremendous passion to IHMM's mission, which now encompasses not only expanding our work in the United States, but also introducing our professional standards and credentials around the world."

Bob and Gene recently returned from the 2018 China Petroleum and Chemical International Conference [CPCIC], in Chengdu, China, sponsored by the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation [CPCIF], the United Nations Environment Programme, and the International Council of Chemical Associations. IHMM has reached agreement with the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation to bring the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional [CDGP] credentials to China, and its first group of dangerous goods professionals expects to undergo testing and certification during the first week of November, 2018.

"I am excited to be a part of IHMM with exceptional opportunity and a phenomenal team of employees and I am honored to serve IHMM in the role of Executive Director," said Guilford. "I look forward to working with our Board and staff to build on IHMM's 34 year history of excellence as we expand our unmatched ability to raise the standards of hazardous materials professionals here in the United States and around the world."

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