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## **Harless Elected as IHMM Fellow of the Institute**

Rockville, Maryland (21 May 2012) – James M. Harless, CHMM, has been elected as a Fellow of the Institute.

The Board of Directors of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management has elected James M. Harless, CHMM, “Fellow of the Institute” at their March 2012 quarterly meeting.

With this award, Dr. Harless is acknowledged for his years of outstanding contributions and service to his profession, and for his diligence in the promotion of the CHMM credential and program. His efforts particularly went into elevating the value, importance and recognition of the CHMM credential nationwide by promoting and defending it through rulemaking at the state and federal levels.

“Dr. Harless’ extensive involvement in regulatory compliance and hazard mitigation for hazardous materials has gained him wide recognition and respect among both the CHMM community and his professional peers,” said Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Chair of the IHMM Board of Directors. “The IHMM values and recognizes the importance this level of contribution brings not only to an individual such as Dr. Harless, but to the hazardous materials management profession and the CHMM credential as well.”

James M. Harless’ accomplishments include over 33 years of experience as an environmental, health and safety consultant and corporate executive. He received numerous awards for his service to the profession. His professional accomplishments include Michigan Environmental Professional of the year for 2010, one international award, three EPA Phoenix Awards, two National Brownfields awards, and two state awards for excellence in brownfield redevelopment. He has published 27 technical and professional papers; made 84 presentations at international, national and state professional meetings; and made 39 presentations to other professionals, issue stakeholders, and the public, including a joint session of congressional committees. His active involvement in developing and influencing environmental and brownfields legislation and rulemaking at the federal and state levels is most notable.

## **About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management**

For over 25 years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a not-for-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 15,000 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) credential and the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training (HMMT) program.

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