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## CHMP Credential is Awarded Accreditation from the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards

Rockville, Maryland (February 4, 2013) – The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) is pleased to announce the accreditation of the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB). CESB accreditation is based on a comprehensive review of IHMM processes and procedures to deliver and maintain the CHMP credential. The CHMP joins the CHMM credential as accredited by both CESB and the American National Standards Institute.

"Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioners are professionals experienced in handling hazardous materials in a wide variety of specialties, such as environmental protection, emergency response, safety, transportation, security, and clean up of contaminated sites and CESB accreditation offers the CHMP credential the added recognition of independent global validation as hazardous materials professionals," said Brenda S. Mahan, Secretary of the IHMM Board of Directors. "IHMM continues to conform to the highest independent, third party accreditation standards available in the scientific, engineering, and global communities for the delivery of competency exams."

The Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (www.cesb.org), as an accrediting body, provides basic criteria and guidelines for the establishment and operation of specialty certification programs for engineers, technologists, technicians, and related scientific professionals and serves as a recognizing body for organizations that certify individuals.

## About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management

For over 25 years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management, 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 16,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned either IHMM's accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager credential and the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner credential. IHMM also administers the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training program.

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