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## **New CHMM Recertification Handbook Approved, Effective Date 1 September 2014**

ROCKVILLE, Maryland (22 May 2014) – New CHMM Recertification Handbook has been approved by the IHMM Board of Directors.

The CHMM Recertification Committee reviews Request(s) for Evaluation (RFEs), and evaluates activities that may be claimed for recertification credit in accordance with IHMM's policies and procedures. As a result of these reviews, the CHMM Recertification Committee periodically amends the CHMM Recertification Handbook. The IHMM Board of Directors approved on 15 May 2014 the revised CHMM Recertification Handbook (April 2014).

These revisions include changes that are the result of inquiries and RFEs made by the Executive Office, CHMM Recertification Committee members, and/or certificants. The Recertification Handbook will be published posted on the IHMM website. CHMMs whose credentials expire after 1 September 2014 should reference the CHMM Recertification Handbook (April 2014) during the recertification process.

Examples of some of the modifications made on the handbook are highlighted below:

- “Mentoring” added as a qualifying activity
- “Participation in official training or exercise drills” added as a qualifying activity
- Added an IHMM policy allowing a “grace period” of six months to submit a recertification application. After the six months “grace period” the individual shall be required to apply for and re-take the certification examination.
- Clarified the communication methods for recertification notifications
- Provided additional information on Inactive Status and Retired Statuses

“The Recertification Program was developed to ensure that CHMMs remain competent in the field of hazardous materials management and related areas, and to encourage certificants to continuously enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities,” stated Denny L. Carlson, CHMM, IHMM Board Director and previous Chair of the CHMM Recertification Committee. “IHMM requires that the CHMM certification be renewed every five years to ensure currency, and it is expected that the CHMM Recertification Handbook for recertification be amended as conditions warrant.”

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

For thirty 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 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) credential and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) credential.

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