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Phase I of Job Task Analysis Completed

Rockville, Maryland (September 20, 2011) - The first phase (Phase I) of the Job Task Analysis (JTA) is now complete and current holders of the CHMM are now reviewing results via an online industry survey. IHMM is asking CHMMs to participate in the industry survey with the goal to determine the essential duties and tasks that describe the role of today's CHMM. The outcome of this JTA is a revalidation of the CHMM exam blueprint, which will be used to update the current CHMM credential.

IHMM recruited individuals to serve on an advisory panel to conduct Phase I of the JTA. In seating the advisory panel IHMM sought to select individuals from various practice sectors of the EH&S profession, and from various occupational levels.

The advisory panel of 12 members worked under the guidance of a trained facilitator using a DACUM process (from Develop A Curriculum) to develop the Job Task Analysis (JTA) chart for CHMMs. The chart contains a list of general areas of competence called "Duties" and several tasks for each duty. Various techniques were used to obtain the collective expertise and consensus of the panel. The panel also identified the general knowledge and skills required of the successful candidate; the tools, equipment, supplies, and materials used on the job; and the important candidate behaviors essential for success. The advisory panel completed the DACUM process during a 2-day meeting.

The next step is to conduct a survey among a broader base of CHMM representation in order to validate the DACUM results put forth by the JTA Panel. IHMM has sent this survey to over 7000 certificants via e-mail, asking them to complete this survey by 19 October. The individual survey results will be analyzed and reviewed by the JTA panel in the coming months.

"IHMM is committed to conducting a Job Task Analysis for the CHMM credential every five years. These periodic reviews validates the relevancy of credentials offered by IHMM," states IHMM Board Chair Elizabeth R. Pfeiffer.

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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