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IHMM Will Begin Decertification of Certificants Over One Year Delinquent on Annual Certification Maintenance Fees (ACMFs)

ROCKVILLE, MD (February 9, 2015). Implementation of IHMM's new Annual Certification Maintenance Fee Policy will soon become effective. Starting March 1st, 2015, IHMM will begin the decertification process of certificants whose Annual Certification Maintenance Fee has been in arrears for 12 or more months.

Certificants who become decertified will have to restart the certification process and will receive a new credential number once certified again. A former certificant can start the process of regaining his or her credential by contacting Madison Bridner, Certification Manager at 301-984-8969 ext. 19, or mhogan-bridner@ihmm.org. This information can also be found on IHMM's website www.ihmm.org under the "Applicants" Tab.

Why do I have to pay my Annual Certification Maintenance Fee?

As stated in the 2013 summer volume of *IHMM Today*, "A candidate's payment of their Annual Certification Maintenance Fees ensures that IHMM has the necessary financial resources to maintain member records, that the certification continues to remain current with the latest developments in the industry, and enables the organization to continue to be a functional, dynamic entity far into the future in support of its members."

Please contact IHMM's Accounting Department (Rosetta Wilson at <u>rwilson@ihmm.org</u>/301-984-8969 ext. 20 or Kim Smith at <u>ksmith@ihmm.org</u>/ext. 11) to make an Annual Certification Maintenance Fee.

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) and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) credentials.

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