Richie Spangler, CHMM, CDGP

Richie Spangler, CHMM CDGP has more than 30 years of experience in hazardous materials management and compliance. Richie has been with Sandia National Laboratories since 2003, when he was hired to oversee operations at the Hazardous Waste Management Facility, manage the decontamination program, and serve on the emergency response team. Richie is currently a Nuclear/Radiological Security Lead and is responsible for improving security for radioactive/nuclear material used at domestic and international facilities to prevent dirty bombs and improvised nuclear devices. He is also serves as a SME for the IAEA where he supports expert missions to various countries.

Previously, he was the Manager of the Shipping and Packaging Department responsible for the Hazardous Materials Packaging and Transportation Program and taught DOT compliance training. His department also designed and tested HazMat packaging for explosives, radioactive materials, and other chemicals.

Prior to Sandia, Richie worked in environmental consulting on projects from legacy jet fuel remediation and permitting the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant site operations, to being a member of the EPA's Columbia Shuttle Disaster Recovery Team. Throughout his career, Richie has represented projects during internal and external stakeholder meetings, regulatory negotiations, and audits/assessments, including working with multiple levels at the DOE, DOT, EPA, NRC, New Mexico Environment Department, and the National Academy of Sciences.

Richie is active at the local and national level in the hazardous materials management community currently serving as Chair and CDGP Director on the IHMM Board of Directors. He is the current IHMM representative to IATA as part of their strategic partnership. He formerly served as the IHMM Nominations Committee Chair. Richie was previously the Treasurer and a Director on the AHMP Board of Directors, President of the New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers, and Chair of the Air and Waste Management Association, New Mexico Chapter.