

## **KERMIT RADER ELECTION STATEMENT**

The reasons why I deserve to be elected the Public Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management fall into three categories. 1) Background and Experience; 2) Prior Service; and 3) Commitment to the Institute.

### **1. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

I have practiced environmental law for approximately forty years, both at the United States Environmental Protection Agency and at private law firms in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. One of the foremost requirements of, and one of the things I enjoy the most about practicing environmental law, is the need to understand, and persuasively present, relevant scientific information. In this regard, I typically work closely with environmental scientist and engineers, many of whom hold a certification from the Institute. From this experience, I gained an appreciation for the value of the Institute's certifications long before I served on the Board. Without successful collaboration with environmental scientists and engineers, my work will not succeed and that collaboration, in my experience, is more likely to be successful, if the person I am working with is certified.

### **2. PRIOR SERVICE**

I previously served two terms as Public Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute from 2008 to 2016. From that experience, I gained an understanding of the proper functioning of the Institute, the Board, and the role of the Public Member.

### **3. COMMITMENT TO THE INSTITUTE**

My prior service as Public Member on the Board for two terms speaks to my commitment to the Institute. I was barred at that point from further service by the Institute's term limit policy, a policy that I agree has significant value. However, had I been able to, I would have been willing to serve additional terms as the Public Member of the Board.

I look forward very much to further service as the Public Member of the Board.