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IHMM Announces New CHMM Blueprint and Revised CHMM Eligibility Requirement

Rockville, Maryland (January 8, 2013) – The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) is announcing a new blueprint for the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) credential. This new blueprint governs the competency requirements for the CHMM credential. Specifically, the blueprint provides the outline of topics for the CHMM examination. Examination questions are developed from the blueprint and applicants base their examination study on the blueprint.

All CHMM examinations starting on 1 July 2013 will be based on the new blueprint. Regardless of when an applicant applied for the CHMM certification and/or registered to sit for the CHMM examination, after 1 July 2013 applicants will be taking the exam based on the new blueprint.

The new CHMM Blueprint is the outcome of the “*Job Analysis Report for the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager*” which documents the review of the competency requirements for the CHMM and then reports on a survey of the certificant population to verify these competencies. The Job Analysis Report (JTA) documents and analyzes over 3000 certificant responses and the report is available from IHMM upon request. The CHMM Examination Committee is now working to develop new CHMM test forms, beginning with the reclassification of exam items in the CHMM item bank to match this new CHMM exam blueprint.

As part of the JTA, the IHMM survey included several demographic questions to gather data on the number of years of work experience applicants have prior to applying for the CHMM exam. These survey results show that over 90 percent of respondents indicated over 4 years work experience at the time of application. Based on this information, IHMM will be changing the relevant work experience requirement for CHMM applicants to:

Minimum of four years of relevant experience in the field of hazardous materials management or a related field.

This eligibility requirement change will also take effect on 1 July 2013.

About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management

For over 25 years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management, 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 credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner credential and the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training program.

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