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## **ANSI Awards IHMM Continued Accreditation for 2015 – 2016**

ROCKVILLE, Maryland (22 September 2015) – The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) is pleased to announce that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has granted IHMM continued accreditation under the International Standard Conformity Assessment, *General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification of Persons* (ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024), for another year. After a review of IHMM’s 2015 annual on-site audit report, the Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee (PCAC) at their 14 September 2015 meeting officially moved to continue IHMM’s accreditation. All IHMM credentials – Certified Hazardous Materials Manager, Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner and Certified Dangerous Goods Professional – are ANSI accredited.

“ANSI accreditation offers the CHMM, CHMP, and CDGP credentials the recognition of an independent global validation as hazardous materials professionals,” said Allison A. King, Chair of the IHMM Board of Directors. “IHMM conforms to the highest independent, third party accreditation standard available in the scientific and global communities for the delivery of competency exams. We congratulate IHMM for maintaining its policies and procedures that continue to comply with ANSI’s requirements.”

ANSI’s accreditation program for personnel certification bodies is based on the international standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024. In addition to an annual comprehensive review of a paper application, ANSI assessors conduct an on-site assessment every other year to validate information provided by each certifying body. ANSI accreditation validates IHMM credentials’ global reach and recognition.

### **About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management**

For over 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 and dangerous goods transport.

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 and the Certified Dangerous Goods Professional credentials.

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