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## ANSI Grants IHMM Continued Accreditation

ROCKVILLE, Maryland (April 1, 2011) - The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) is very 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. The ANSI Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee (PCAC) met on March 24, 2011. After a review of IHMM's 2010 Annual Surveillance report, PCAC officially moved to continue IHMM's accreditation.

"We are pleased to announce that PCAC supported the assessors' recommendation to grant IHMM continued accreditation for a second year," said Elizabeth R. Pfeiffer, CHMM, IHMM Board of Directors Chair. "This accomplishment is the direct result of IHMM's commitment to maintaining globally accepted standards for professional competency and quality in the EHS & S industry, and enhances the value of IHMM credentials."

The process used by ANSI to accredit certification bodies is based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17011. ANSI's accreditation program for personnel certification bodies is based on the international standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024. In addition to an annual review of a comprehensive paper application, ANSI assessors conduct an on-site assessment every other year to validate information provided by each certifying body. ANSI has accredited 32 personnel certification bodies for 78 certification scopes, with 30 organizations currently engaged in the accreditation process. Nearly 2.5 million professionals hold certifications from an ANSI accredited certification body, offering the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM<sup>®</sup>) and the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP<sup>™</sup>) credentials global reach and recognition in an ever-changing economy.

"IHMM is working hard to conform to the highest independent, third party accreditation standards available in the scientific and global communities," said Jeffrey H. Greenwald, P.E., CAE, IHMM Executive Director. "ANSI accreditation offers the CHMM and the CHMP the added recognition of independent global validation as hazardous materials professionals. The CHMM credential is also accredited in accordance with the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB), an important distinction for professionals practicing in Engineering and specialty fields."

For over 25 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 15,000 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) credential and the Hazardous Materials Manager-in-Training (HMMT) program.

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