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ANSI Grants IHMM Continued Accreditation for 2012

ROCKVILLE, Maryland (December 28, 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 December 9, 2011. After a review of IHMM's 2011 Annual Surveillance report, PCAC officially moved to continue IHMM's accreditation.

“IHMM works to conform to the highest independent, third party accreditation standards available in the scientific and global communities,” said Allison A. King, Vice Chair of the IHMM Board of Directors. “ANSI accreditation offers the CHMM and the CHMP credentials 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.”

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. Nearly 2.5 million professionals hold credentials from an ANSI accredited certification body, offering the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM[®]) and the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP[™]) credentials global reach and recognition.

About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management

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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