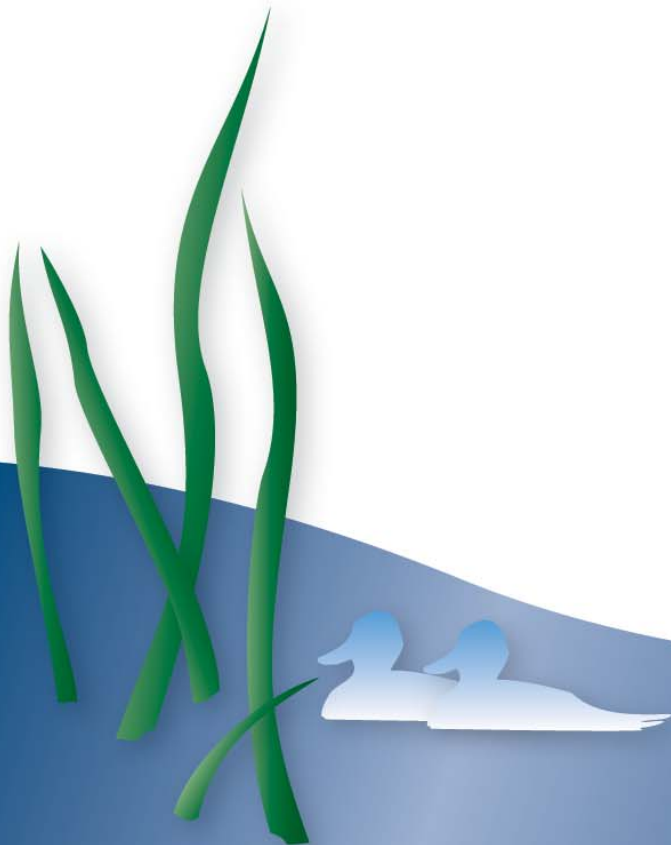


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CELESTE SUTTER, CHMM

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

2011 is winding down and I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the Chapter's successes of the past year and to recognize significant contributions by individual members. Technical sessions were presented at five of our meetings. They covered environmental, regulatory and sustainability topics. We learned that the EH&S professional can enhance a "green building team", the ways in which we can improve energy efficiency and management practices at our facilities, the legal issues involved with the self-auditing process, the current state of Louisville Metro air, and details of the pending changes to the Haz Com Standard following the adoption of the Global Harmonizing System. I would like to thank the following presenters for sharing their expertise with the Chapter and for covering these informative and pertinent issues: Maria Koetter, Richard Meisenhelder, Kim Burke, Lauren Anderson and Michelle Baker.

We saw the return of the facility tour with the generous invitation from Industrial Container Services to allow members to observe their operation. A special thanks to Corinne Greenberg for organizing this event. Several members participated in community outreach by joining in the Earth Day celebration at the Louisville Zoo. Many also served as judges at the Louisville Regional Science Fair. In addition the Chapter agreed to provide a special award each year to a deserving science fair project in the "Environmental Management" or "Environmental Science" categories. Our philanthropic support and promotion of environmental awareness earned recognition for the Chapter as an "Environmental Advocate" in the KY EXCEL program.

The Chapter webpage is "new and improved" thanks to Patty Mason who did a wonderful job in redesigning and constructing a more user-friendly site. It includes more information, meeting notices, copies of the newsletter and a new members-only section. I encourage you to take the time to survey these changes. We've added several new faces to the membership and a few familiar ones have returned to participate. As I stated in the previous newsletter, the success of our Chapter hinges on our ability to recruit and involve EH & S professionals from diverse backgrounds. Please invite your colleagues to our technical programs in 2012—

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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2012

The 2012 KCHMM Officer Elections were held in December 2011. Congratulations to those elected, who will serve in their positions for a one year term.

President: **Larry Schumer**

Director: **Bruce Gaylord**

Vice President: **Michelle Baker**

Director: **Corinne Greenberg**

Treasurer: **Andrew Clifton**

Director: **Tom Herman**

Secretary: **Jennifer Triplett**

Director: **Mark Hussung**

Past-President: **Celeste Sutter**

Director: **Ralph McCord**

A Message From the President, continued from page 2:

we would love to include in our group more EH & S professionals from the community.

Thank you for a wonderful year, I genuinely enjoyed serving as President of this organization and look forward to working with the 2012 Board of Directors. . Thanks again to all those who contributed to the success of KCHMM in 2011.

Celeste Sutter, CHMM
KCHMM President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EARTH DAY AT THE ZOO

Submitted by Corrinne Greenberg, CHMM:

In addition to recruiting members to judge at the science fair on Saturday, March 10, KCHMM is also seeking volunteers to staff a **KCHMM children's craft booth** at the **Zoo's Earth Day "Party for the Planet"** to be held this year on **Sunday, April 22**. Details from the Zoo are not yet available, but we anticipate it to be **an afternoon event**, and we are asking members to **sign up for just a 1- or 2-hour shift** as your availability may allow. Please consider, **reply to Corinne Greenberg with your interest**, and save the date. I will forward booth details once we have more info from the Zoo and once we know we have enough volunteers to make this happen. Thank you for your continuing contributions of time and talent!

KCHMM COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2012

Education-Paul Hoza, CHMM
Outreach & Publicity-Vacant
Legislative Affairs-Kim Burke, CHMM
Job Registry-Curt Jones, CHMM
Membership-Seth Canter
Credential Promotion-Doug Shelburne, CHMM
Website-Patty Mason
Newsletter-Bryant Lewis, CHMM
Stewardship / Earth Day / KY EXCEL-Corinne Greenberg, CHMM

If you are interested in leading a vacant committee, please contact Celeste Sutter at sutterc@hanover.edu.

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

New KCHMM Members:

- David Anderson
 - Ron Benningfield
 - Mike Tackett
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CHECK OUT THE WEB SITE FOR NEW CONTENT

The Chapter website at www.kchmm.org continues to be updated with new information. If you have additional info for the web site, please contact Patty Mason at paytym@smithmanage.com.

2012 CHAPTER DUES

2012 Chapter dues are now being collected, and there are several ways to pay.

- 1) Add \$35 to your 2012 ACHMM renewal fee and designate for KCHMM.
- 2) Mail a check for \$35 payable to KCHMM to:
KCHMM
P.O. Box 18009
Louisville, KY 40261-0009
- 3) Pay at the next meeting.

Please update your contact information at this time if needed. Thanks for continuing your membership!

FEATURE ARTICLE: THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES, BY BRUCE GAYLORD, CHMM

The Sword of Damocles

Or better yet,

The practice once common in the orient of throwing one's self upon one's sword.

I took over the environmental reins at a facility, where the past environmental compliance person lacked the background to handle all of the different regulatory requirements that weigh upon all industries. I have spent long hours, going through regulations, playing Sherlock Holmes in the records maintained, reassessing past regulatory determinations, and beating my head against a specific 2x4 in my office, while communicating with legal beagles and consultants.

As environmental professionals, we all started with what we knew and then broaden our basic skills with training, self study and investigating into those areas we weren't even attuned with. With all that, a trek started that for me began with air permits and self-reporting non-compliance issues to the Air District. Then it was onto wastewater and compliance issues there, and then storm water, and EPCRA and RCRA, TSCA, FIFRA, Homeland Security, and DOT. Tab Q-7's, Security plans, SPCC and GWPPP plans and believe it or not security questions from the FBI.

Everything had to be reviewed and if shortcomings were discovered, the discoveries had to be corrected. The final item and at first the most bitter of pill of all to swallow were the discoveries of the various regulatory oversights and neglected issues required by the regulations had to be reported. As people responsible for environmental compliance, you know that one has a finite amount of time to disclose one's past transgressions to the regulator. Plus, you have to inform corporate management on these issues too.

The initial reports were submitted, the follow-up on any additional information was submitted and so on. This is where I believe I had a slight advantage over some. Being a past regulator from the Air District, I knew that agency personnel truly appreciated the regulated community coming forward with a transgression and they also appreciated being included in the discussions of how to correct the problem. I also knew that the regulator appreciated being updated on progress to compliance. A regulator readily imparts his or her expertise in attaining compliance because compliance is their ultimate goal. They do not direct an industry as to what to do. But if approached, they will answer questions on this or those stated in a regulation and provide any guidance that may exist.

I have found that being totally and I mean totally forthcoming with all information is mandatory in developing a cooperative relationship with the regulator. I have also found that even though your initial problem has been resolved, you now have a ready source of information for a future question in the same field. I already knew that an inspection by the regulator is an opportune time to have a second set of eyes available that can point out potential compliance issues, the sooner the better, when dealing with potential non-compliances.

If you haven't guessed, I have thrown myself on the self reporting sword so often, I feel like a pin cushion. But I have had 100% support in these matters to seek, report and correct regulatory issues from corporate on down. I also believe that the open discussions with the regulators have provided my company with a favorable finding in resolving these issues.

NOVEMBER 2011 AND JANUARY 2012 CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

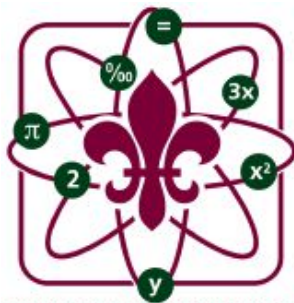
Michelle Baker, Product Stewardship Manager for Zeon Chemicals, presents “GHS—Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals,” at the November 2011 meeting. Her presentation addressed U.S. adoption of GHS, and changes required of the Haz-Com Standard, including new MSDS formatting and chemical labeling requirements.



Larry Schumer presents Gary Revlett, Director of Environmental Affairs Department for LG&E and KU Utilities, the speaker's award for January 2012. His presentation, “New Electric Utility Regulations—Their Impact on KU, LG&E, and You,” addressed two new major regulations affecting the power generation industry. Issues included electric utility air emissions, coal combustion waste disposal, and water withdrawal and discharge.



SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED



LOUISVILLE REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIRS, Inc.

Submitted by Corinne Greenberg, CHMM:

We are asking for your help by donating your expertise and time to serve as a judge at the Louisville Regional Science Fair (LRSF). This is an important educational opportunity for the young and talented students of our local regional area. The LRSF will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the University of Louisville, in the Swain Student Activities Center. There will be several more schools participating this year and we will need approximately 165-170 judges to help in this endeavor. It will take between 4 & 5 hours of your time on Saturday, March 10th.

All morning judges are requested to gather by 7:45 am for a "judging" orientation before the competition commences. All student entrants will be judged in the morning session that ends at 12 noon. Judges for the afternoon competition will gather for their orientation at 12:30 pm with the judging session lasting from 1pm to 4pm (approximately).

Please use (in print form or by email) this letter in recruiting additional new judges who might be willing to donate one day of their time for the students of our community.

The link for prospective judges opens December 1, 2011. Please use for online registration is <http://lrsf.sfiab.com/login.php> and look for the link/tab stating, "I am a new judge and would like to register to judge". When you register, you will be given a temporary encrypted password that will be sent to your email address and must be used the first time you log in. Please copy and paste it to the appropriate login location to complete the registration. You will be able to change it to something you can remember after you log in. The directions on the site are easy to follow. (If I can do it, anyone can).

NOTE: There are several steps to completing the registration package. After you complete each section, you will need to go to the next section by clicking on "Judge Registration" found near the top of the page (there is not yet a "Continue" button or tab to take you to the next section).

Please complete **ALL** fields in the 'Category Preferences' section by ranking "each" discipline on the 1-5 scale, in order for the system to recognize you as an active judge. If not every category is marked with a number, you will not be able to complete the registration. If you have any questions about the online registration please do not hesitate to Mike Bankhead at 502 458 7219. (Before 10:00 pm please.) Again, please share this information with your colleagues who may be interested in volunteering for this very worthwhile service, to help our talented young students as they compete in this year's science fair.

Thank you for your support.