

Anniversary Celebration!

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We celebrated the chapter's seven year anniversary at the Hops and Grain Craft Brewery in Austin, Texas! We had beer, a technical tour, cupcakes, and slap koozies for everyone!

Hops and Grain Craft Brewery prides itself on sustainability. They brew taking the environment into play and are committed to sustainable brewing practices. They try to make the community greener by giving 1% of their annual revenue to local Environmental non-profits and support local community growers and

producers. They make Brew Biscuit dog treats from their spent brewing grains and package their beer using recyclable containers and aluminum. The Lone Star chapter paid for members to take the tour of the brewery to see what it all takes to brew this craft beer and sample some of their different flavors!

For more information, email the Chapter or visit hopsandgrain.com.



DID YOU KNOW...?

- The energy cost to operate a traditional incandescent bulb for a year is \$4.80.
- You can save up to 2 gallons a minute by turning off the water while you brush your teeth.
- Switching off just one light that would normally run 8 hours a day, saves \$20 per year.
- The average office worker used 10,000 sheets of copy paper each year. Printing on both sides will cut that number in half.
- Save fuel by packing your lunch, which reduces emissions.

August Meeting

The Chapter was pleased to host an air quality technical session, sponsored by CB&I in Austin. Arijit Pakrasi, a CB&I air quality expert presented on ambient air quality trends and NAAQS area designations in Texas. Mr. Pakrasi is from the CB&I Houston office and is a subject matter expert in Air Quality with 23 years of experience in diverse areas of air quality management and air quality, ambient monitoring, air pollution control technology analysis, and compliance assurance projects for industrial clients.

The presentation and discussion was interesting and surprisingly lively as we learned more about

the analysis of current and proposed regulations for the different areas within Texas. He also shared TCEQ's ambient air monitoring data and evaluated the potential for adverse health effects.

For information about this presentation, email the Chapter or contact CB&I for air quality services - cb&i.com



Compliance Update Corner

Did you know?

- TCEQ offers grants for emission-reduction efforts. Up to \$3.5 million available for qualifying businesses and individuals.
- Efforts have been successful in reducing sulfur dioxide emissions at a long-term watch list site in the Beaumont area.
- TCEQ is now accepting grant applications for the Texas Clean Vehicle Fleet Program. Up to \$5.9 million is available to those that qualify.

Learn more at tceq.texas.gov.

EHMM Course



The Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM) Course was held from August 16-18 at Zephyr Environmental in Austin.

The course was interactive and a great success. One attendee took the CHMM exam and passed the following day!



This course is an excellent comprehensive review of the federal environmental and occupation safety laws and regulations associated with the management of hazardous materials.

Thank you to all the presenters from AECOM, UT Austin, UT System, ACC, Winstead, Zephyr and Houston Products Processing. For more information about this course or request a future course, email the Chapter.



Events and Meetings...

Join us:

- Meetings are generally held the first Friday of each month from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- **October 1:** Stream Clean! Email Chapter to register for event
- **November 4th:** Business meeting at Zephyr Environmental in Austin.
- **December 2nd:** is the Holiday meeting/New Officer Installation. Location TBD

National AHMP Conference

Patrick Durbin (immediate past President) and Michelle Bost (current Vice President) attended the National AHMP conference in Washington DC and received the Distinguished Chapter Award on behalf of the Lone Star Chapter. Michelle also represented the chapter at the delegate meeting and presented information about our outreach efforts. Next year's meeting is in Fort Worth. We hope to see you there!



Contact us if:

- You know anyone who would like to present or if you have a topic for a technical presentation
- You would like to post a job announcement, community event, or item of interest to our web page or newsletter

About us...

The Lone Star Chapter of Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals is an organization that enhances professional development through networking with other local EHS professionals from a variety of industries, state agencies, and other private entities. The Lone Star Chapter promotes the CHMM/CHMP credential on a national and international level. National AHMP provides regulatory updates and professional conferences. By participating in our local training and being trained in new areas of the profession, members are able to earn CMPs for re-certification. The Lone Star Chapter is committed to opening the doors for many members and welcoming new ones.

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