

March 2016

## *February Meeting — Technical Tour*

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### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

- Artificial lighting accounts for 44% of the electricity use in office buildings
- Computers in the business sector unnecessarily waste \$1 billion worth of electricity a year
- The average U.S. office worker goes through 10,000 sheets of copy paper a year
- Plants in the office absorb indoor pollution
- March is Eye Safety Month - always wear the appropriate safety eyewear for your job site or role, even if you are just passing through a hazardous area

This meeting was the tour of Balcones Resources facility.

This 30 million state of the art facility is located in south Austin and processes several thousand streams of household waste and recyclables.

The facility processes an average of 60 tons of glass per day. The speed at which the facility sorts and processes materials was quite impressive! It takes an average of five minutes from start to finish!! We learned that high value materials, such as aluminum, can result in a win-win for both the generator and Balcones!



The facility and their staff are working hard to keep central Texas clean and green!

Lone Star members got a behind the scenes look at the processes for sorting, cleaning, and managing tons of materials in a matter of minutes!

For more information or about this tour, email Chapter or visit our new website at <http://lonestarabmp.org/wordpress/>.

# January Meeting

The January business meeting took place on the 8th and many upcoming topics were discussed and included:

- Meetings for 2016, will remain the first Friday of the month at noon at Zephyr with possible use of conference line for those needing to attend remotely and possible lunch provided to paid members

- The 2016 Business Plan of four business meetings, four technical presentations, and discussed possible topics and/or locations for other 2016 technical sessions
- Gave Chapter committee updates and need for members
- Briefed on different items within the Chapter from treasury to new shirts website

For detailed Meeting Minutes, email Chapter.

## Events and Meetings...

Join us:

- Meetings are generally held the first Friday of each month from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- **April 1st** is a business meeting at Zephyr
- **May 6th** is no meeting due to TCEQ Trade Fair May 3-4
- **June 3rd** is a Technical Presentation



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



# March Meeting

The March meeting was a tour of the University of Texas Hazardous Water

Facility. This new facility has been open for five months and services all the hazardous waste for the main campus.

The facility ships out every 60 days for a total of 55K-60K pounds of waste and 1400 pounds of bio-waste (includes

animals) on a yearly basis.

Each room is segregated by the hazard classes, i.e. corrosives, reactive, universal waste, unknown, flammable, bio-waste, and toxic.

It is a wonderful asset for the University.

For more information, email Chapter or check out the website.



## EHMM Course

- Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM) course to be held August 16-18, 2016 at Zephyr Environmental Corporation
- Registration
  - \$ 695 Early Registration (Ends July 8)
  - \$ 795 Regular Registration (Ends July 22)
  - \$ 895 Late Registration (Begins July 23)
- Excellent educational program for environmental, health, safety and security professionals

### 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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