NW Chapter Newsletter

May 22, 2024

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NW Chapter Conference

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Proposals for presentations are due May 31, 2024. Speakers with topics encompassing facility operations, education and behavior change, business outreach and assistance, and product stewardship and chemical policy are encouraged to submit their presentation. You can submit your proposal on the NAHMMA Northwest Chapter website.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Jim Quinn at jim.quinn@oregonmetro.gov. Registration will be announced in the next few months.

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Marine Flares Arise!

Marine Flares management have been getting increasing attention and the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation. You may ask “Why is this a product needing special attention?” It’s about a lack of options for proper management of a potentially dangerous and important safety device.

According to US Coast Guard regulations most power boaters must have emergency signaling devices on board. Human-powered boats are exempt. Until a few years ago only pyrotechnic devices were available to

meet this requirement. And these pyrotechnic devices are ubiquitously bought by boaters nationally. Those pyrotechnic signaling devices, called “visual distress signals”, have an expiration date and must be replace every few years to meet Coast Guard requirements.
Boaters within 3 miles of the shore must have at least 3 flares (or 3 smoke signals if only boating during the daytime) at all times, and beyond 3 miles from shore more devices are required. Coast Guard sets a 42-month service life and expiration dates are stamped on the devices. This is because the pyrotechnic chemicals in the marine flares naturally deteriorate over time and become unreliable as signaling devices. Consequently, in three and a half years from the date of manufacturer you have to buy a new set of marine flares to be safe on the water and meet the US Coast Guard regulations. In most communities there are no local options for boaters to legally disposal of those pyrotechnic devices.

A few local pilot marine flare collection programs as well as a suite of policy and solutions have been developed by the California Product Stewardship Council in collaboration with some local governments, CA State Parks, Coastal Commission and funding from CalRecycle . From that experience, and high level of expenses, they have developed a campaign to encourage consumers to switch to non-pyrotechnic signaling devices and developed policy papers. See their video on marine flare collections, problems, and solutions here, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lj633isEWGs.
Legislation introduced this February in California to require extended producer responsibility for marine flares has been moving through committees with unanimous support as Senate Bill 1066. The National Stewardship Action Council and Zero Waste Sonoma assisted Senator Blakespear in developing this legislative bill and hosted a webinar about the bill here.

California is leading the way with extended producer responsibility for marine flares. You may want to consider local or statewide programs and legislation in a similar vein.

Upcoming Events

The NAHMMA National Conference is September 22-27, 2024 in Austin, Texas. We had a lot of fun in Tempe last year, and we hope to see you all in Texas! Registration is available on the NAHMMA Website.

The EPA is hosting a Small Format Batteries Education and Outreach training on June 20th, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pacific Time. The hosts will highlight effective public outreach including marketing, campaigning, and messaging as well as success stories. Registration is open here.

Grant Opportunities

The Oregon DEQ’s Material Grant program has relaunched and will focus on waste prevention. This is an amazing opportunity and many entities are eligible to apply including out of state entities completing the project in Oregon. Here’s a helpful fact sheet with additional details below:
https://www.oregon.gov/deq/mm/Documents/MMgrants-ExamplesWastePrevention.pdf

“For the 2024 Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine grant cycle, the annual funding area is Waste Prevention. Waste prevention is an environmentally centered approach to reduce the consumption of natural resources and

generation of waste before something becomes trash or pollution. Waste prevention activities reduce waste by changing product design, by using less, by using something longer, or by repairing it."



Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine: Applications for the Materials Management Grants Program Open May 21, 2024!

New funding opportunity for those who want to make a difference in waste prevention within your community! The Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine Grants Program has $1 million of funding to be distributed and we need your help to spread the word.

Who: Local governments, non-profits, Tribal Nations, public schools, small businesses-50 employees or less

What: Applicants may submit a project proposal between $25,000 - $125,000 in funding and will have up to two-years to complete their project.

When: The pre-application will open **Tuesday, May 21** and will close on **Tuesday, June 18**.

How:

1. Register through the online platform WebGrants
2. Submit your pre-application via WebGrants before Tuesday, June 18, 2024.
3. The highest scoring project pre-applications will be invited to submit a main application by July 19, 2024. Extra points will be awarded to first-time applicants. We strongly encourage projects that address inequities in BIPOC, rural, and underrepresented communities to apply.

If you have limited internet access or would like to submit an application in a language other than Engl please reach out to our grants team at RRRGrants@deq.oregon.gov. More details on eligibility, import dates, and project examples are all available on the DEQ website. Thank you in advance for sharing thi with your networks and anyone who may be interested!

Learn more about Materials Management programs in your area and around the state by visiting our website.

Jobs

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Training

OSHA #7225 Transitioning to Safer Chemicals $125

Nov 12, 2024 to Nov 13, 2024 Online Virtual Classroom
Registration ends on Nov 7, 2024 2:00 pm

Course credits: 1.0 Course contact hours: 10
Seats available: 30 Instructor(s): Mr. Harvey McGill
Certificate Programs that include this course: Total Worker Health Certificate

Class description

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Oregon DEQ Hazardous Waste Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Basic Training

DEQ provides online and in-person training on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act basics, hazardous waste rules, and managing the most common wastes. Classes are free. Register below. NOTE: This is not a Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response or HAZWOPER training. Your state or regional Occupational Safety and Health Administration office may be able to provide information on options.

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In-Person Training Dates

- Medford - May 8, 2024, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - Goodwill Center
    - 11W. Jackson Street
    - Medford, OR 97501
- Eugene - July 9, 2024, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - DEQ's Eugene Office, Willamette Conference Room
    - 165 E 7th Ave #100
    - Eugene, OR 97401
- Salem – To be determined.

There will also be an additional October 2024 Salem training. Details will be available on this web

page as they become available.

In-person tailored training: DEQ's Hazardous Waste Technical Assistance Program can come to your facility and train your staff based on your facility's needs. The first step is to contact your local Technical Advisor to set up your free site visit today.

Spray efficiency training from PPRC

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Meet Your Leadership!

Lauren Scher, President

How did you become involved in NAHMMA?
I first became involved with NAHMMA in 2017. As someone coming into the industry without any experience, NAHMMA was instrumental in providing me with knowledge, contacts, and mentorship.

What is PaintCare?
I am currently the Oregon and Washington Program Manager for PaintCare. PaintCare is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, representing paint manufacturers to plan and operate stewardship programs in the U.S. states and jurisdictions that pass paint stewardship laws.

What is your favorite part about NAHMMA conferences?
My favorite part of NAHMMA conferences is the ability to connect and network with individuals across different fields. The knowledge base is outstanding and I am looking forward to this year's NW chapter conference in Troutdale, OR.

What is your favorite part about living in the Pacific Northwest?
As a former Long Islander surrounded by mini-malls, my favorite part about living in the Pacific Northwest is the access to nature. We have everything one could want: beaches, mountains, lakes, rivers. I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be.

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Hazardous Materials Project Manager, Clean Harbors
Kent, WA
The HazMat Project Manager leads and supports the execution of lab packing and waste removal from various client locations. The HazMat Project Manager will work directly with the Field Chemists and serve as a lead for waste packing services and in training new Field Chemists.

Hazardous Waste Data Analyst, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Boise, ID
This job includes implementing hazardous waste state annual and federal biennial reporting requirements and performing database management. DEQ is looking for someone with knowledge of RCRA and experience managing and implementing, projects or component(s) of programs that are environmental, regulatory, or administrative in nature, where they were required to routinely perform program or project planning; provide technical assistance to staff, special interest groups and the public; and provide policy and/or regulatory interpretation and/or development.

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Oregon DEQ Website Updates

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Toxics Use and Hazardous Waste Reduction program has updated their website with information about their pollution prevention projects. Learn more about the following:

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- EcoBiz

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In Memoriam, Dave Waddell

Dave Waddell, a longtime NAHMMA Northwest Chapter member, passed away this past August. Dave served many roles at NAHMMA, including board member, Training Committee member, and three terms as NAHMMA President (2010-2012). He was an expert on and passionate advocate of cleaning up laboratory chemicals in schools, and provided hands-on disposal help and expertise to schools all around the country.

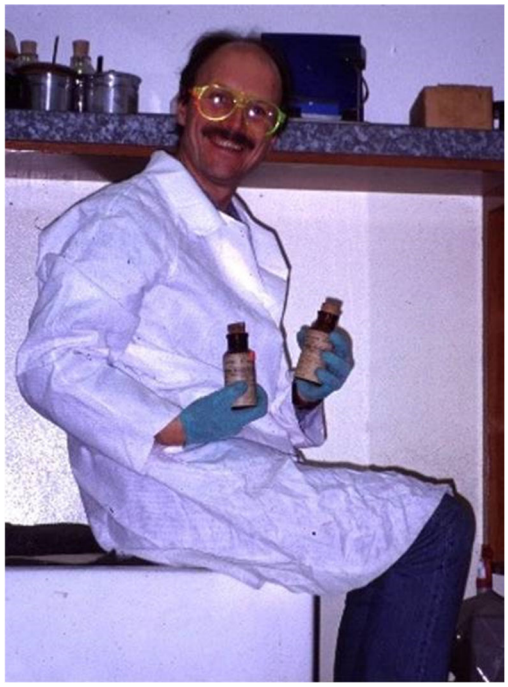
A number of his presentations are preserved online here.

To help memorialize Dave, here is a short bio he wrote, and several tributes that were presented to him upon his retirement.



Dave Waddell Bio

Dave Waddell is balding, gregarious and tells entertaining, if very long, stories at the drop of a hat. He's been in the hazardous waste field since his daughter was born in 1983 and forced him to drop out of grad school and get a real job. He's the current Vice-President of NAHMMA's Board of Directors which lets him work with fun, smart people and visit exotic places, like this meeting room. He loves his job with the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington, though not as much as the one where he was paid by Ronald Reagan's appointees to set California's forests on fire. He's in his 60s, so don't ask him about retirement. He likes to laugh and drink fine wines. Typically simultaneously. Especially if you're buying!



Retirement Tributes

Dave Waddell is the guy when it comes to school chemicals. He is the leading national expert on the subject, he has brought the issue to the attention of many many people, and he has made great strides in developing workable solutions to this often overlooked problem. He is also a hell of storyteller, and is remarkably proficient at his self-avowed goal of "scaring the pants off" of the people watching his presentations. – *Jim Quinn*

Dave is generous, thoughtful and oh so smart. His influence has touched many individuals over the years. – *Kari Meyer*

When you want to get something done, look for the person that has a lot going on and is very productive, go see Dr. Waddell.

When you want to know if you might be likely to initiate an catastrophic chemical reaction in the Jr. High School, it's Dave Waddell who can assist.

When you want to go skate skiing in Yellowstone in sub-freezing temperature, Waddell is the guy.

When you want to get some advice from someone who has tried that wine, see if Dave is still awake.

When you want to find a leader to organize and track a group of high-energy volunteer professional Board members, for a long time!, its that Waddell character.



When you want to be entertained, scared and humored while learning about chemistry, Dave Waddell loves that stuff.

When you want to sit and visit with a friend and ponder most any topic, Dave W is the renaissance guy that can get you there.

When the mountain spring flowers bloom or Autumn arrives and the snow flies, you won't find Dave here, he is out communing with our precious world.

– *Dave Nightingale*

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NW NAHMMA Membership Meeting

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Bringing Home the Gold!



This year at the national NAHMMA Conference's Hazardous Materials Olympics, representatives from Washington Ecology's Eastern Region Solid Waste Management entered the competition in Austin, Texas. Ethan Bean, Marni Solheim, and Martyn Quinn were able to secure a gold medal after a competitive relay event with hazardous materials-related tasks. Congratulations, Team!

Upcoming Events

Green Chemistry Stakeholder Forum

The Oregon Environmental Council and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are hosting a virtual green chemistry stakeholder forum, Green Chemistry in the Pacific Northwest: Fostering Innovation and Collaboration on **November 18th at 12PM Pacific Time**. This event will provide a venue for innovators across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska to build connections, discuss challenges, and explore opportunities within the region. We plan to discuss the policy landscape, showcase industry success stories, and facilitate cross-sector information sharing and learning. Register for the meeting here.

EPA P2 Grant Recipients Announced

The EPA has announced $1.8 million in grants for pollution prevention opportunities for businesses in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The awardees include Alaska's Knik Tribe for a Safer Choice program, Oregon State University for Oregon Sea Grant's intern program, BRING Recycling's role in the Greenbiz Tracker, Washington Department of Ecology for clean-in-place systems and Lean and Green program, and Portland State University to implement Toxics Prevention in the Columbia Corridor program. These Northwest projects are five of the 48 recipients across the country. Read more about the projects on the EPA website.

Jobs

Contracts Specialist, **Washington Department of Ecology**
Lacey, WA
The Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Team is hiring for a Contracts Specialist (Environmental Specialist 5). This position will serve as a specialist in Pollution Prevention and Regulatory Assistance grant and contract management for the HWTR Team statewide. Recruitment is continuous.

InSite Hazardous Materials Project Manager, **Clean Harbors**
Bend, OR
Clean Harbors is recruiting a Hazardous Materials Project Manager to serve as primary customer contact for projects, write and submit all work plans, document site activities, change orders, provide field directives, complete, and assist in the scoping and pricing for proposals.

Program Coordinator for Oregon and Washington, **PaintCare**
Portland, OR or Southwest WA
PaintCare seeks a qualified candidate to assist with administering the paint stewardship program in Oregon and Washington. Duties include overseeing PaintCare operations in paint retailers and reuse stores, local government household hazardous waste programs, and other solid waste facilities, providing customer service, and identifying and setting up paint drop off locations.

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