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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Jeffery Halsey, Director
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DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Results of facilitated Local Chapters Discussion on Wednesday, May 3, 2006

The subject discussion occurred between 9:00 and 9:45 as part of the first session of FDEP's 2006 Household Hazardous Waste and Small Quantity Generator Workshop. The discussion was preceded by Mr. David Nightengale's introduction to the North America Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) and Ms. Karen Rider's introduction to the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) program. Pertinent facts from these introductory comments were:

NAHMMA	CHMM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAHMMA's primary purpose is to serve as an umbrella organization for the diverse entities that influence or have an interest in hazardous components of municipal waste streams• There is currently no Florida NAHMMA Chapter• Eight members are required to petition to NAHMMA to form a chapter• At least three office holders are required for a chapter – President, Vice-president, and Secretary/Treasurer• Annual fees are \$50 per person, \$150 for local government, \$300 for state government• A portion of membership fees collected under a NAHMMA chapter is retained by that chapter.• NAHMMA web site: http://www.nahmma.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CHMM program's primary purpose is to certify environmental professionals as having obtained a standard of knowledge of science, technology, regulations, and professional maturity associated with the management of hazardous material related programs and resources• Certified Hazardous Material Managers are certified by the Institute of Hazardous Material Managers• The CHMM program is national and international• There are multiple CHMM Florida chapters• CHMM Certification now includes a Homeland Security component• There are multiple fee schedules for the CHMM program, depending on the type of certification obtained.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Application fee ranges from \$50 - \$90○ Examination fee ranges from \$50 - \$150○ Annual Certification Maintenance fee ranges from \$25 - \$70• CHMM web site: http://www.ihmm.org

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The introductory remarks were followed by questions from the audience. The questions and the ensuing discussion revealed the following main points:

1. The recommended goal of FDEP's SQG program administrators is to have local program representatives create a NAHMMA chapter in Florida.
2. The Florida NAHMMA chapter would then evaluate its support and advocacy of CHMM certification for chapter members.
3. The potential benefits of a Florida NAHMMA chapter would include:
 - a. Funding source for activities of interest to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Small Quantity Generator (SQG) program participants, including funding to support future HHW/SQG conferences.
 - b. Development of comprehensive administrative policies for Florida's HHW/SQG professionals.
 - c. Broadening the professional perspective of Florida's HHW/SQG participants
 - d. Florida's HHW/SQG program drawing upon NAHMMA resources, to include curriculums and trainers
4. Approximately 75% of the attendees supported the forming of a Florida NAHMMA chapter
5. Approximately 15 of the attendees expressed a willingness to serve as officers of the Florida Chapter, including:
 - a. Alfred Gomez
 - b. Doug Nelson
 - c. Tom Water
 - d. Edith Weigble
 - e. Andy Schipfer
 - f. Kelly Boatwright
6. The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) should be considered as a possible alternative umbrella organization (as opposed to NAHMMA)
7. Both SWANA and NAHMMA members were well and equally represented within the audience
8. Few audience members had a CHMM certification
9. The HHW/SQG 2007 Conference Committee should begin the process of forming a Florida NAHMMA chapter and report progress made by the 2007 HHW/SQG conference

The facilitated discussion concluded at 9:47 a.m.