

CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees earn Founders' Awards



Coppinger

At a special recognition dinner held recently in Richland, five CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees received CH2M HILL Founders' Awards. Cheryl Coppinger, Michael E. Johnson, Stephanie Livesey, Moses Jarayssi and Joel Eacker were honored with the awards, which are named for the five founders of CH2M HILL and reflect values they instilled in their company when it was originally formed.

In 1946, Holly Cornell, Burke Hayes, Jim Howland and Fred Merryfield formed an engineering firm in Corvallis, Ore., and named it CH2M, using the initials of their last names to form the name. In 1971, they merged with Clair A. Hill and Associates and the firm became CH2M HILL.



Johnson

Coppinger received the Clair Hill Award for External Relationships and Community Service. This award goes to a candidate who gets involved in the type of community affairs and public service that reflect a positive image of CH2M HILL in the community. Among her community activities, Coppinger is heavily involved in Junior Achievement. She also provides a facility for a camp for disabled children where they enjoy a petting zoo and games, and ride horses in a safe environment.

Johnson earned the Burke Hayes Technical Innovation Award, which goes to an employee selected for his or her excellence of engineering or scientific contributions. Johnson researched and identified waste stored in 68 tanks containing saltcake as potential candidate material for supplemental treatment. He established that this supplemental treatment would enable treatment and immobilization to begin on tanks several years before the Waste Treatment Plant would be operational, and would allow the retrieval, treatment and immobilization of tank wastes to be completed by the 2028 Tri-Party Agreement commitment date.



Livesey

Livesey earned the Jim Howland Team Builder of the Year Award for fostering the corporate culture and personifying the role of team player that is essential to the company's ongoing success. Livesey has demonstrated many of the attributes of this award throughout her career. As a Radiation Control first-line supervisor in 1998, she took a new organization and developed a team that was instrumental in helping the Interim Stabilization organization to meet all of its milestones and consent-decree requirements with the state over a five-year period. More recently, Livesey helped develop the First-Line Manager Action Committee to help resolve long-standing issues. She was elected chairman of the committee.



Jarayssi

Jarayssi earned the Holly Cornell Award of Excellence. This award goes to someone who is a master at building relationships with customers and turning those relationships into a positive representation of CH2M HILL. Jarayssi's approach to integrating waste determination decisions under the Department of Energy into the Tri-Party Agreement framework was reviewed and accepted by the head of Environmental Management and noted as a landmark approach to meeting the goals of the department. Jarayssi is recognized as a premier expert in the area of site-wide closure and integrated risk assessment. He now leads a multi-organization working group to achieve consistent closure criteria across the site.



Eacker

Eacker received the Fred Merryfield Manager of the Year Award. Candidates for this award are judged on their tremendous enthusiasm and ability to recognize talent and develop staff that contributes to improving practices at CH2M HILL. While most good managers demand excellence from their employees, Eacker inspires it. He motivates his people to excel by the example he sets and in his enthusiasm for the projects he oversees. He sets the expectation for his organization and then allows his talented team to perform to their maximum capacity. Eacker was also recently recognized as "Manager of the Year" by the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association. ■