

## 2007 LEHA Award Recipient



### Outstanding Environmental Professional

***James D. Miller, M.T. ASCP CHMM, CPM*** - James has been a champion of the Louisiana environment since he started his career at LDEQ in 1986. He has worked in many areas of DEQ- Radiation Protection, Hazardous Waste Surveillance, Regulation Authorization, and Land Ban areas; and Solid Waste Recycling and Waste Tires. He was the first Radiation NORM inspector, and was recognized by the Hazardous Waste Administrator for a special DEQ award while working with that Division.

He developed and implemented an electronic version of Annual Hazardous Waste Report that is easier and more efficient for the industry as well as DEQ personnel. He also developed and integrated the hazardous waste manifesting documents with a user friendly program the department uses to track and submit requested hazardous waste manifests. When the need arose, James also developed the Asbestos Remediation Notification-ADVF Database for the Air Permits Division to maintain tracking of demolition and renovation and manifests, which was being tracked by a failing EPA database.

Outside of the agency, he was elected to and worked several years with the Louisiana Certified Hazardous Materials Managers Board, helping with the 1996 National CHMM Conference in New Orleans and developing the state CHMM logo which is still in use today.

He has worked hard for the Louisiana Environmental Health Association as Treasurer for the last several years, creating an access database that is used to maintain and track: finances, membership status, the Board of Directors positions and length of service for historical purposes; sponsorship and scholarship information, etc. James also implemented the awarding of attendance certificates to participants for the conference and workshop, and the awarding of plaques to the scholarship recipients and the speakers, which he has handled for years. He was instrumental in the LEHA donation of the paint can opener to the LDEQ Recycling Section for use at the

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day, as well as making recommendations for monetary support to provide cold drinks to the workers each year.

Certified as a CHMM by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Managers, Certified as a Medical Technologist by the American Medical Association, Certified Public Manager and current member of the Society, current member of the Louisiana Association of Environmental Health, and LEHA Treasurer for several years.