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EPA Recognizes EMC for School Chemical Cleanout Programs

Des Moines, IA—The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored EMC Insurance Companies at the 2009 Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3) recognition event on Oct. 22, 2009, in Washington, D.C. EMC was commended for its dedication and efforts to protect students and teachers through its two chemical management awareness programs for schools: Rehab the Lab and ChemEyes.

“By engaging in SC3 projects and promoting responsible chemical management in K-12 schools, EMC has demonstrated its commitment to create safer environments in which students can learn and develop into the leaders of tomorrow,” said Matt Hale, director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, EPA. “EMC’s example is also helping to make responsible chemical management attainable in every school across the nation.”

EMC’s two programs provide chemical management awareness training for school staff and on-site assessment and assistance with EPA compliance. To date, Rehab the Lab has reached more than 310 schools, identified over 308,000 pounds of materials for removal and trained more than 3,300 school staff. The ChemEyes program has helped 60 schools, identified over 25,500 pounds of materials and trained staff at 23 schools.

About EMC Insurance Companies

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