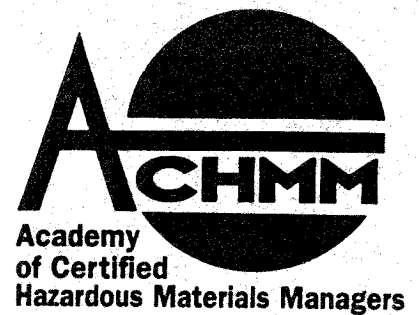


**CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS
WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER**



MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

**LICENSURE OF GEOLOGISTS IN NEW YORK STATE
(BILL NO.'S A05262 AND S02383)**

This memorandum is hereby submitted on behalf of the members of the Western New York Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers (WNY-ACHMM), and its approximately 50 members across Western New York, in support of licensure of Professional Geologists in New York State under bill numbers A05262 and S02383.


The Western New York Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials was founded in to foster professional development through continuing education, peer group interaction, and the exchange of ideas and information relating to hazardous materials management. As one of many professional organizations in New York, we recognize the importance of establishing a licensure process to help assure only qualified persons are conducting the work in a field.

The WNY-ACHMM Chapter is particularly supportive of geologists licensure because it not only meets professional and legal testing standards such as those established by the ASBOG, but also because those standards are periodically reviewed to determine the continued suitability. Through establishing regulations that provide for education, experience and legal responsibility requirements for professional geologists, competence in the field of geology is assured.

Licensure of geologists is an acknowledgement by the State of New York that, in the public interest, decisions regarding geologic issues be made by an appropriately qualified professional. And because geologists routinely make decisions and offer opinions that directly affect public health and welfare, their licensure would help assure the protection of public health and welfare from unqualified persons making critical geologically-related decisions.

New York's residents would benefit in many ways from the licensure of geologists, just as they have benefited from the licensure of other professions. It is highly appropriate for New York to join nearly half the other states of this country in establishing geologic licensure so as to better our state and the quality of work conducted here.

Respectfully submitted,


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