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Know-How Still Missing from Community Collection

Lanham, MD, January 24, 2008—The key to successfully collecting and properly managing the 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste (HHW) generated by Americans every year is education, according to the authors of *Handbook on Household Hazardous Waste*, a new book from compliance and management publisher Government Institutes.

Although interest in managing old and unwanted consumer products with characteristics of hazardous waste—household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, and automotive products—emerged in the late 1970s, many communities still lack the basic information, guidance, and planning support for HHW management.

Written by the forefathers and practitioners of HHW management, *Handbook on Household Hazardous Waste* provides solid waste management professionals, municipal officials, chemical waste handlers, environmental students, and others with a comprehensive look at the state of HHW management. Readers will examine key issues, including what a hazardous household waste is and why it should be collected, how HHW collections are held and collected material managed, which management practices should be used, how to motivate consumer behavior change, and how a product stewardship approach can increase collections, cover costs, and promote better products.

“Household hazardous waste affects each and every individual and community given the nearly universal use, storage, and disposal of chemical consumer products,” notes editor Amy Cabaniss. “The field of household hazardous waste management has experienced tremendous growth over the past 25 years as the public has demanded greater protection of health and environment, and we expect the field will grow continue to grow over the next 5–10 years with developments in product stewardship, green chemistry, etc.”

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Handbook on Household Hazardous Waste can be ordered by calling 800-462-6420 or visiting www.govinstpress.com and typing “Automating Hazcom” in the book search box. *Softcover, 280 pages, February 2008, \$59, ISBN: 0-86587-163-9 (978-0-86587-163-2).*

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