National Registry of Certified Chemists

Liaison Report – CCS/CHAS

As of mid March, a total of thirteen (13) Chemical Hygiene Officers have received the NRCC-CHO certification since the beginning of 2015. There are currently, pending a few 2015 renewals, a total of 303 certified CHOses. Several groups of ten or more are also anticipating certification in the next few months, so the program is thriving. Several of the other NRCC certification programs, including Toxicological Chemist and Toxicological Technologist are also doing quite well. There are currently 672 chemists certified by NRCC in their respective fields.

The CHO exam that was rolled out in the beginning of 2013 proved to be a huge challenge for most applicants, with few achieving a passing score. As a result the NRCC Board decided to lower the passing score to 60% (90 of 150 questions), resulting in a satisfactory passing rate of approximately 65%. Special appreciation should go to the ACS representatives on the Board, Larry Doemeny and Doug Walters for their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

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