November 21, 2017

Dear Colleague:

The 2018 annual meeting and training/workshops of the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (NREP) Conference, Inc. will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, 1053 Lake Washington Boulevard, Renton, Washington (WA) 98056 (https://lakewashington.regency.hyatt.com/). The dates are April 16–19, 2018. The purpose of the annual meeting and training/workshops is to provide a professional forum for individuals and agencies to exchange ideas and improve the nation’s overall readiness. Attendees are typically from federal, state, and local government agencies, radiological health programs, nuclear power industry, and other domestic and international organizations.

We are proud to offer a number of Training Sessions on Monday, April 16, at no additional charge for NREP attendees. Please check our web page for the agenda and details. The NREP Committee has, once again, worked diligently to put together an outstanding agenda. The 2018 program will offer a number of sessions focusing on public information, messaging, and response. Of course, the agenda will include the current and foreseeable changes in the industry resulting from revised or new FEMA as well as NRC requirements and how these changes are being implemented across the country. All topics will provide insights into areas directly or closely related to radiological emergency preparedness and will benefit Federal, State and Local government organizations as well as nuclear power industry emergency preparedness representatives. There will also be an area outside the main ballroom for vendors who have registered for the conference. They will show their latest equipment and technology that could help us with our job.

The NREP registration fee per person for general attendees is $500.00 (USD) if paid by midnight April 6th, 2018, and $550.00 (USD) if paid after April 6th, 2018, including registration onsite (at the hotel). If paying using an agency Purchase Order (PO), the documents must be received no later than March 31, 2018. The registration fee covers administrative costs, refreshment breaks, and the cost of the “Networking Social and Hospitality” event for the registrants. NREP registration can be accessed directly at https://www.regonline.com/28thannualnationalrepconferencecopy.

I urge you to make hotel reservations online before April 1st, 2018, in order to receive the negotiated room rates that are available on our web page via the “Hotel, Airport, Ground Transportation” link and on the conference registration web page above. The guest rooms in the NREP room block are available at the FY2018 Government Per Diem rate which is $179.00 (USD), and does not include taxes or other local charges. The primary hotel for our attendees is the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. The hotel reservation link is https://aws.passkey.com/go/NREP2018. Hotel reservation page may also be accessed on the Registration portal via our web site at http://www.nationalrep.org/, along with additional useful information.

This year, we are happy to offer six (6) Training/Workshops on Monday: Session 1 - “RASCAL Training” (8 hours), Session 2 – “RadResponder RDD Drill and Training” (4 hours), Session 3 – “Community Reception Center Electronic Data Collection Tool Training for Population Monitoring After a Radiological Event” (2 hours), Session 4 – “Managing Social Media During a Crisis: Ten
Principles to Live By” (2 hours), Session 5 – “FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Post-Plume Plan Review Training” (8 hours) and Session 6 – “FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Radiological Accident Assessment Concepts Update Workshop/Training (8 hours).

All Training/Workshop Sessions are available to all NREP registrants at no additional charge. You must indicate on the NREP registration form your selections of the Training/Workshop Sessions, if you are planning to attend. Please see the NREP agenda for topics and our registration page to sign up for the Monday Training/Workshops. Please note, the 2018 NREP annual meeting and training/workshops will continue through the afternoon of Thursday, April 19, 2018 ending at 5:00 p.m.

The NREP Steering Committee encourages business casual attire for this conference. This is not a requirement, we would like to invite you to be comfortable as you attend the conference sessions and remember to bring your business cards!

Check the conference web site at http://www.nationalrep.org/ frequently for the most updated information on registration, hotel, air, ground transportation, area attractions, and most importantly, the program agenda.

Last year was a tremendous success and we are working hard to make the 2018 Conference yet another success. Please join us in Renton the week of April 16th; together we can carry forward the tradition of this important national meeting and training workshop.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Steering Committee. Contact information may be found on the NREP web site. I look forward to seeing you in Renton!

Sincerely,

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