



# National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference, Inc.

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Dear Colleague:

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference will be held April 12 through 14, 2005 at the Wyndham Harrisburg - Hershey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The conference provides a forum to offer the opportunity for dialogue among individuals who are professionally involved in off-site radiological emergency preparedness programs. Attendees are from emergency management, radiological health, nuclear utilities or other organizations involved with radiological emergency preparedness or response. Each organization plays a critical role within the programs whether it is with the nuclear power plant industry, radiological materials response or radiological transportation preparedness.

This year's registration fee for the conference is \$200.00. This fee covers administrative costs, refreshment breaks and the cost of the conference luncheon for the conference registrants. The negotiated room rate at the hotel is USD79.00 plus 9% tax per night for single or double occupancy. I urge you to make hotel reservations as early as you can, and definitely by March 25, 2005 in order to receive this rate.

We are also very excited to offer four training workshops on Monday, April 11, 2005. These workshops are: 1) DOE Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT) (class size is limited to first 50 persons), 2) NEI Emergency Preparedness Communications workshop (class size is limited to first 50 persons), 3) National Response Plan, Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex; National Incident Management System (class size is limited to 180 persons), 4) FEMA/NRC Post 9-11 Initiatives (class size is limited to 180 persons). These workshops will be offered only to conference registrants at no additional charge; however, you must indicate on the conference registration form which training/workshop you desire to attend. Please check the website for additional information on these training workshops.

The National REP Conference Steering Committee encourages business casual attire for this conference. This is not a requirement, and we would like to invite you to be comfortable as you attend the conference sessions.

Also, I encourage you to frequently check the Conference web site at [www.nationalrep.org](http://www.nationalrep.org) for the most updated information on registration, hotel, air and ground transportation, area attractions, and most importantly, program agenda and training workshops. The Conference Program Agenda will be periodically updated.

The 2004 conference in Phoenix, Arizona was a great success, and we are working diligently to make the 2005 conference another success. Please plan to join us in Harrisburg the week of April 11. Should you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Steering Committee or me. Steering Committee contact information may be found on the conference web site. I look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg!

Sincerely,

***Michael Cash***

Steering Committee Chair