



National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference, Inc.

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Dear Colleague:

Chicago is where it all started in 1990, and in 2010, we are coming back to Chicago to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference. While we realize Chicago is expensive, we felt that there could not be a more appropriate venue to celebrate this event. The Conference will be held at the recently renovated historic Drake, 140 East Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois 60611-1501 (<http://www.thedrakehotel.com/>). The dates for this conference are **March 29 – April 1, 2010**. The purpose of the conference is to provide a professional forum for individuals and agencies involved in radiological emergency preparedness and response. Attendees are typically from federal, state, and local government agencies, radiological health programs, nuclear power utilities, and other domestic and international organizations. **The emphasis** of the 2010 Conference program will be on a higher number of **training opportunities** that will benefit primarily State and local government organizations.

The conference registration fee is scaled as follows: USD350.00 per person through March 26, 2010, and USD450.00 during the onsite registration. Payment is expected with registration. **Credit card payments should be made immediately as you register;** however, **if you choose to pay with checks or Purchase Orders (POs)**, then during online registration, the Treasurer will be automatically notified of your method of payment. Please note, **POs will not be accepted after February 28, 2010**. The registration fee covers administrative costs, refreshment breaks and the cost of the “Networking Social and Hospitality” event for the registrants. I urge you to make hotel reservations as early as you can, but absolutely no later than February 28, 2010, in order to receive the negotiated room rates, which are posted on our web site under “Hotel, Airport, Ground Transportation”.

At the 20th Anniversary Conference, we will be offering three workshops. These workshops, to be conducted from 8:00AM until 11:45AM on Monday, March 29, 2010, will be offered only to conference registrants at no additional charge; however, you must indicate on the conference registration form which workshop you desire to attend. Please note that the main conference will open at 1:00pm on Monday, March 29, 2010. Additionally, because of the overwhelming response and acceptance, we are once again offering the popular “Open Forum” on Thursday, April 1, 2009, starting at 1:00PM. Please check the website for additional information on the workshops and the “Open Forum”.

The National REP Conference, Inc. 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.

I certainly encourage you to frequently check the conference web site at www.nationalrep.org for the most updated information on registration, hotel, air and ground transportation, area attractions, and most importantly, program agenda. The conference program agenda will be periodically updated.

The 2009 Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, was a tremendous success, and we are working diligently to make the 2010 Conference another success. **Please join us in Chicago the week of March 29th to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of this important national Conference.** Should you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Steering Committee. Steering Committee contact information may be found on the Conference web site. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Sincerely,

Nancy H. Crowley, Acting Chair
2009-2010 Steering Committee