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Dear Colleague:

The 2017 annual meeting and training/ workshops of the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (NREP) Conference, Inc. will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Ave, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 (http://amwaygrand.com/). The dates are April 10–13, 2017. 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 10, 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 2017 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 and 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.

The NREP registration fee per person for general attendees is $400.00 (USD) if paid by midnight March 31st, 2017, and $450.00 (USD) if paid on or after March 31st, 2017, including registration onsite (at the hotel). 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/27thannualnationalrepconference. I urge you to make hotel reservations online before March 17th, 2017, 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 2017 Government Per Diem rate which is $109.00 and does not include taxes or other local charges. The primary hotel for our attendees is the Amway Grand Plaza. The hotel reservation link is https://aws.passkey.com/go/NREP2017 and may also be found on our web page at http://www.nationalrep.org/, and additional information may be found on the registration web page.

This year, we are happy to offer seven (7) Training/Workshops on Monday: Session 1 - “FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise Controller Course,” Session 2 – “REAC/TS - Radiological Training for Hospitals and Responders,” Session 3 and 4 “RadResponder Training,” and “RadResponder - The One Stop Shop – Interconnection and Interoperability Among Rad/Nuc Disparate Applications and Resources,” Session 5 – “PIO 4-Hr Course - 7 Questions, 7 Steps to Social Media Strategy for Government,” Session 6 - “NRC H-107 - Introduction to Emergency Preparedness,” and Session 7 – “FRMAC 8-Hr Course - FRMAC Liaison Training.” Some of these training courses will provide continuing education credits (CEUs) for all their attendees.
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 2017 NREP annual meeting and training/workshops will continue through the afternoon of Thursday, April 13, 2017, 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, and ground transportation, area attractions, and most importantly, the program agenda.

Last year was a tremendous success and we are working hard to make the 2017 Conference yet another success. Please join us in Grand Rapids the week of April 10th; 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 Grand Rapids!

Sincerely,

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