



National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference, Inc.

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Dear Colleagues:

The 28th annual meeting and training/workshops of the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (NREP) Conference, Inc. will be held in Renton-Seattle, Washington on April 16-19, 2018. The purpose of this letter is to solicit abstracts for the 2018 program.

As in the previous years, this annual meeting again aims to offer a number of useful training and workshops that benefit primarily State and local government organizations. The areas of **training and workshops are directly or closely related to radiological emergency preparedness**, and include, but are not limited to, the following:

Application of new or updated methodologies, processes, and procedures; utilization of new technologies and systems in emergency response; lessons learned in real response activities; enhancements in public alert and notification methodology, radiological response capabilities, and emergency communications; ingestion phase planning and response activities; processing of environmental samples; personnel and population monitoring and decontamination; medical response to contaminated individuals; disaster remediation and recovery, preventative planning against terrorism, hostile-action based events, cyber-security compromise, etc.

Likewise, the annual meeting will continue to provide a forum to discuss current and foreseeable changes in the industry and in Federal regulations and guidance, and how these are being implemented across the country. As such, we look to groups or individuals within emergency response organizations throughout the country and abroad for innovative radiological response ideas or processes they have implemented and would be willing to share with others.

As the Chair of the Program Subcommittee, I am requesting that you submit online, by October 1, 2017, an abstract of your proposed training/ workshop or other general session along with your short bio and contact information. Abstracts and short bios should be in paragraph form, and must be limited to (including spaces) 5,000 and 1,500 characters, respectively. **Please note** that the Program Subcommittee will review all abstracts and make a final determination of acceptance. Whether accepted or not, you will be informed of the decision. **Another important note** - accepted and published abstracts must not be changed or altered, and the final presentations must reflect and be consistent with the substance of the published abstracts, else, they will likely be removed from the published program for reconsideration. **As a matter of policy**, accepted presenters are not reimbursed for expenses, either directly related to the presentation or meeting attendance, with the exception that **your conference registration fee will be waived if you stay at the NREP Conference hotel** (Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, 1053 Lake Washington Boulevard North, Renton, Washington, 98056). If you choose to stay at a different hotel, you will be charged the General Attendee registration fee.

So, please browse the Conference website at www.nationalrep.org, prepare abstracts, and submit online along with speakers' short bios and contact information. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-834-6770 x 2072, or via email at rae.walker@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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2017-2018 Steering Committee

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