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A Brief History

In the late 1980's, a few individuals, involved in the radiological emergency preparedness programs, felt that an independent "National" forum was needed to discuss general and specific issues on radiological emergency preparedness, especially involving nuclear power generating plants. Also, it would provide a uniform voice to the Federal and State authorities responsible for rules, regulations, guidance and procedures to conduct this business of public protection against the hazards of radiation. As a result, in 1990, the "Conference" for "National Radiological Emergency Preparedness" was created, and was registered as "National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (NREP) Conference" (it is frequently referred to as "National REP Conference" or "NREP Conference"). The first NREP Conference was held in Chicago, IL, in October of 1990.

"The Mission of the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference is to provide a professional forum for individuals involved with the Offsite Radiological Emergency Preparedness programs to gather in the spirit of continuous self-improvement to share program experiences, develop solutions to common challenges, and create innovative planning, exercising and training methodologies."

The National REP Conference is a not-for-profit national organization, run by a Steering Committee. The committee consists of the following: Chair, Vice-Chair, Past-Chair, Conference Secretary, Treasurer, members representing states of ten FEMA regions, and a Federal Liaison. It is the intention of the National REP Conference to hold a conference each year. The financing of the annual Conference is based strictly on the general attendee registration fees and vendor registration fees. Historically, host organizations (State, local, nuclear utility, etc.) provided support to overcome foreseeable hardship in conducting a successful conference. International participation is strongly encouraged.

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Previous Conferences & Highlights

#1: Chicago, Illinois 1990

(Note: First Conference; held at the end of October. The Federal budget for FEMA did not pass until November, so most of the FEMA staff could not attend except those from Region 5, which is in Chicago, and they were not allowed to say anything. Most interesting conference in that regard. Approximately 125 people from State, local and nuclear utilities attended. No registration fee was charged as a method to deal with the money had not been developed)

Skipped 1991

(Note: The reason the Conference was skipped in 1991 had to do with the Federal Fiscal year and making sure that the budget had been passed so that the Federal people could attend)

#2: Boston, Massachusetts 1992

#3: San Diego, California 1993

#4: Atlanta, Georgia 1994

#5: San Antonio, Texas 1995

#6: Seattle, Washington 1996

#7: Kansas City, Missouri 1997

#8: Hyannis, Massachusetts 1998

(Note: Following the 1998 Conference, the first internet website for the Conference was established; four-color logo and conference stationary were introduced; proceedings format was established; overall, the conference got "streamlined" and "institutionalized")

#9: Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1999

(Note: Four-color logo used and banners were displayed; certificates were awarded to speakers; some committee members were recognized for their dedication and contribution. International presence was highly visible with three presentations)

#10: Reno, Nevada 2000

(Note: 10th anniversary conference)

#11: Nashville, Tennessee 2001

#12: Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2002

(Note: Though 1st conference after September 11, 2001 terrorist event, it was well attended. Proceedings were posted first time on the web, and not mailed out)

#13: Portland, Oregon 2003

(Note: Conference is "incorporated"; website is moved from Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality to independent domain "nationalrep.org"; Federal Liaison Nancy Goldstein of FEMA passed away following this Conference)

#14: Phoenix, Arizona 2004

(Note: On-line registration introduced)

#15: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 2005

(Note: Registration fee increased first time in 15 years)