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MORA Conference Attendees -

We appreciate your patience as we continue planning the 2020 Missouri Recycling Conference. Please know that we are all monitoring the COVID situation, and the executive board is talking weekly.

We are moving forward with planning the conference, and appreciate all the positive feedback from our sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees. While moving forward - please know the board is also working to be prepared with alternatives should we decide to cancel, postpone, or offer this educational opportunity in a different format.

We felt it important to let you know what the board has been working on regarding safety protocols.

Below are some of these key takeaways:

**We have met with the Hilton Hotel and Branson Convention Center to discuss their corporate changes to operations to adhere to social distancing guidelines (see attached documents).*

**The board/conference committee decided to remove the tours as part of the original program, but are exploring not-traditional tour options (i.e. less crowded/drive your own vehicle, etc.) that might be available pre and post conference. We will keep you updated as we work out these details.*

**Additional space will be allotted for exhibitors in the exhibit hall.*

**Additional space will be allocated in session meeting rooms.*

**Seating at our events will be spread out to encourage situational awareness. Additional space will be allocated at meal functions, and will look quite differently than the normal 10 person per round table that we have become accustomed to.*

**We also are discussing serving staff wearing masks and gloves for meal functions and eliminating self-serve buffets which will minimize handling of utensils by numerous individuals and working to lessen other touch points (condiments, etc.)*

**MORA will be providing and encouraging the use of face masks this year. These will be available at the registration desk.*

**Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the hotel and convention center.*

**Refunds will be given to paid attendees should the conference be cancelled or, if requested, applied to the next scheduled conference.*

As you can imagine, we are working under unique conditions with a very fluid situation. We feel it is critical we keep the industry moving forward, and laying the groundwork for these sessions is important to the industry and our members.