

Monday, March 16, 2020

Subject: ARWA Meetings and Training Opportunities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hello, all.

We are very close to working out the final conference details and should have those available to you all tomorrow.

In light of new recommendations for avoiding even small gatherings by the President and the CDC, we need to address our other ARWA training opportunities.

We **will not** be holding any onsite gatherings for training purposes for the next several weeks, at least. We understand that you all still require your CEHs, and we still intend to provide opportunities for you all to receive those from your #1 source for water and wastewater training in Alabama, the ARWA.

So, we are going to work with ADEM to see if we can set up a virtual class platform in which you can still attend our classes and receive credit. These developments will be forthcoming over the next few days. Please be patient and allow us time to work through the many details necessary to put all this together. We hope that we can make arrangements to conduct the classes from our office, with only a tiny group of instructors and facilitators and broadcast these classes to you over the internet in a way that will allow for maximum participation, as well as be able to prove your attendance for record-keeping purposes.

We will seek out and employ proven and cutting-edge technology to make this happen very quickly. So quickly, that we hope not to cancel any of the classes that we currently have planned. However, as with any other undertaking as radical and complicated as this one, we anticipate many setbacks and learning opportunities as we figure everything out. So again, we ask for your patience. Should we have to cancel anything, we will let you know via phone, email, website updates, and any other form of communication to which we have access. Please keep a sharp eye on our website and social media platforms for more information.

We hope that when we are ready, the online experience will be everything you've come to expect from your ARWA training partner. Sadly, you'll be tasked to bring your own coffee to these events.

In the meantime, please call us if you need us. We are in this together.

Stay safe out there,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob White IV". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "R" and "W".

Rob White IV

ARWA Executive Director