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Subject: SETAC Gulf of Mexico Focused Topic Meeting - Invitation followup
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Hi Bob,

Great talking to you earlier. As we discussed, SETAC North America is conducting a Focused Topic Meeting on the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill that will take place in Pensacola, Florida from 26-28 April 2011. The meeting's Steering Committee, of which I am a co-chair and our colleague Charlie Henry is a member, would like you to participate as a panelist in our session on Oil Fate and Transport Modeling and its use during oil spill response. This session is presently scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 1520-1700. We will confirm the time and date in early March. Representation by you would be of value to outline the context surrounding how some of the decisions and choices are made during spill response. There will be a fair amount of participation by academia and others. There should also be a government contingent.as well, and with USCG leadership in offshore oil spill response, we identified you as a key participant.

The meeting program was uniquely designed to bring together environmental scientists, engineers, and managers who are active in the field of oil spill prevention and response. The program includes a diverse group of oil spill assessors and responders with expertise in toxicology, chemistry, modeling and tracking of oil, technology development, policy, emergency response, environmental management and risk communication. The meeting Steering Committee was charged with promoting scientific discourse and thought-provoking analysis through a dynamic interactive program that includes a number of panel discussions (a list of relevant focused topics and more information is available at the website). A primary goal of the meeting is developing informed science-based recommendations for improving oil spill response and tracking, control techniques, management and effects assessment.

The website for the meeting is at http://gulfoilspill.setac.org/ and registration for the meeting is now open. In addition to being a panelist, I want you to be aware that you, or your staff, also have the opportunity to submit a platform paper or poster for any of the planned sessions. The current deadline for abstract submission is Feb 20. Please note that by agreeing to serve on the panel, you qualify for the discounted "members early bird" registration rate (a $200 savings on advanced registration, or a $280 savings on late registration). More information on this will be sent to you by the SETAC Office. For information on the venue and registration, please contact Greg Schiefer (schiefer@setac.org), or Nikki Turman (nikki@setac.org).

If you would like to discuss your role in the meeting please give me a call (coordinates below) or contact Bill Goodfellow (410-771-4950 x5121; bgoodfellow@eaest.com), my meeting co-chair. We will be sending out more information about the technical program and the nature of the panel sessions before the meeting.

Thank you for your time. We are looking forward to seeing you in Pensacola in April!

Sincerely,

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