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Subject: EPA Media Advisory: Friday: EPA, State of Nevada Honor MGM Resorts International with Prestigious Awards

Dear Colleagues:

The following Media Advisory is being issued today by the EPA Region IX press office. I have received an RSVP from Vinny Spotleson of Sen. Harry Reid's Las Vegas office that he plans to attend. Please let me know if your office plans to send a representative to this event on Friday, March 6th. We will also be sharing the final press release on the day of the event. If you have questions or need any additional information, please give me a call.

Regards,

Brent Maier

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Friday: EPA, State of Nevada Honor MGM Resorts International with Prestigious Awards

Company recognized for its efforts to reduce food waste

LAS VEGAS – MGM Resorts International will be recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Nevada for their outstanding efforts in food recovery in a ceremony on Friday, March 6. MGM Resorts International and MGM Grand Las Vegas are two of the 32 recipients who received the 2013 Food Recovery Challenge Award, and the only recipients in Nevada. In addition, nine additional MGM Resorts' properties will be commended for increasing the amount of food scraps diverted from landfills from 2012 to 2013.

Overall, MGM Resorts International's 13 properties in Las Vegas diverted 25,398 tons of

food from landfills to compost, a 50 percent increase over 2012. Composting this food instead of landfilling it conserved the energy equivalent of more than 50,300 gallons of gasoline. In 2012, Americans threw away just under 35 million tons of food – more than any other type of material being landfilled. As wasted food rots in a landfill it generates methane, a greenhouse gas.

WHO: Jared Blumenfeld, EPA Regional Administrator

Chris Brophy, VP of Corporate Sustainability Division for MGM Resorts International

Vinny Spotleson, Southern Nevada Energy and Public Lands Manager

Leo Drozdoff, Director, Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Colleen Cripps, Director Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Cassandra Joseph, Nevada Assistant Attorney General

WHEN: Friday, March 6, 2015

Event Start Time: **11:00 A.M.**

WHERE: ARIA Resort & Casino Convention Center, Copperleaf 4

3730 South Las Vegas Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89109

VISUALS: Award presentation and behind the scenes look at ARIA's food waste recycling efforts.

RSVP REQUIRED: *** Press must bring credentials for access. **Please RSVP to Margot Perez-Sullivan at perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov or Rachel Rogala at rrogala@mgmresorts.com. Please RSVP no later than March 5th.**

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