



March 9, 2010

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**INDUSTRIAL MINERALS ASSOCIATION – NORTH AMERICA
SPRING MEETING
L'ENFANT PLAZA HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
APRIL 28-30, 2010**

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: MARCH 27, 2010

To: IMA-NA Members

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to announce the IMA-NA Spring Meeting, April 28-30, at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting will conclude with the IMA-NA Board meeting scheduled for Friday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., which all members of IMA-NA are welcome to attend.

At the request of the IMA-NA Board of Directors, we have reorganized the structure of the Spring Meeting. Congress will be in session and all attendees are encouraged to become Lobbyists-For-A-Day and meet with Congressional offices on Capitol Hill or personnel at Executive agencies on Wednesday, April 28. IMA-NA staff will arrange meetings with state delegations where you have operations or at agencies where you have issues. The objective is to utilize fully the human capital the IMA-NA membership represents to address issues of concern for your company and the industrial minerals industry generally. Please indicate on your registration form whether you prefer to make a "Hill" or agency visit.

The Association committee and section meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 29. This year following the annual Safety Recognition Luncheon, we will convene a special stakeholder meeting with senior MSHA officials. Mine safety and health issues have been front and center this year and we anticipate a valuable exchange of views.

Social events will include luncheons and afternoon receptions on Wednesday and Thursday. The ever-popular Hospitality Suite will be open nightly. You are welcome to attend the meetings of your choice, but we encourage your active participation in the Congressional and agency visits. The final program will be distributed when it has been completed.

IMA-NA has arranged for a block of sleeping rooms at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel at a room rate of \$279.00 per night (Single or Double Occupancy). To reserve a room, please call the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel at 1-800-635-5065 or 202-484-1000, and mention that you are with the IMA-NA 2010 Spring Meeting, no later than **March 27, 2010**. After that date, you will be able to reserve rooms on a space-available basis only. A deposit for one night's room and tax is required with your sleeping room reservation. Reservations may be cancelled up to twenty-four hours in advance of arrival. I urge you to make your room reservations as early as possible. The meeting registration form and meeting-at-a-glance schedule are attached. Please complete the registration material, and return per instructions by **April 9, 2010**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Ellis
President

Attachments



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MEETING INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION MATERIAL

HOTEL INFORMATION

The L'Enfant Plaza Hotel is located at 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW in the heart of Washington, D.C. Named for Washington's premier city planner, Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the hotel is in the midst of the plaza that is located in the center of many popular tourist attractions, as well as fine dining and shopping. It is within walking distance to the Smithsonian Castle and only steps from the Air and Space Museum, the World War II Memorial, the Washington Mall, and the Jefferson Memorial; and a short distance from the Georgetown Historic District. The L'Enfant Promenade is an underground shopping mall linked directly to the hotel and features 50 specialty shops and eateries. The hotel has easy access to the Metro mass transit system and is convenient to all area airports. Reagan Washington National Airport is only 10 minutes away by taxi and is also directly accessible from the hotel via the Metro subway system. BWI and Dulles International Airports are approximately 45 minutes away by taxi (non-rush hour).

The hotel features a rooftop pool with outstanding views of Washington, D.C., and three dining choices including the American Grill, the Lobby Lounge, and the Foggy Brew Pub. The telephone number is 202-484-1000.

RESERVATIONS – To make your hotel reservations and to ensure that you receive the special IMA-NA room block rates, please call the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel at 1-800-635-5065 or 202-484-1000, and identify the group name when making reservations.

CHECK-IN TIME: 3:00 PM CHECK-OUT TIME: 12:00 PM

DEPOSIT – First night's deposit is required for a guaranteed room reservation. The first night's room deposit can be made by major credit card. The L'Enfant Plaza hotel accepts MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Discover and Diners Club. Any reservations received after the cutoff date will be accepted on a space or rate-available basis.

A deposit paid shall be refunded if notice of cancellation is received by the Reservations Department 24 hours before the scheduled date of arrival. Any cancellations made after 24 hours before the scheduled date of arrival will result in forfeiture of the total deposit amount.

DIRECTIONS – If you are driving from Reagan Washington National Airport, take George Washington Parkway North to I-395 North. Follow the sign for Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North across the 14th Street Bridge, continue on 14th Street to Independence Avenue, SW (2nd traffic light), and turn right. Follow Independence Avenue to the 2nd traffic light and turn right onto L'Enfant Drive, SW (between 10th and 11th Streets). The hotel will be at the top of the hill on the left. The hotel provides valet parking and self parking. If you prefer the subway, take the "Yellow" Line and exit at L'Enfant Plaza. Registrants who are flying into Reagan Washington National Airport can take the Metro subway, commercial limousine service, or taxis.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The attached meeting registration form should be completed and returned to the IMA-NA offices by **April 9, 2010**. Please note that once you have registered to attend the meeting, you will be charged a pro-rata share **regardless of whether you are able to attend**, unless you notify the IMA-NA office at least five days prior to the meeting.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return by April 9, 2010 to:

**Industrial Minerals Association – North America
2010 Spring Meeting Registration
2011 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 301
Washington, D.C. 20006
Fax: 202-457-0287
Email: info@ima-na.org**

Name:		
Nickname:		
Job Title:		
Company:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		Fax:
E-mail:		
Arrival Date:		Departure Date:

Please indicate (✓) which of the following events you plan to attend:

Date	Event	Will Attend	Will Not Attend
April 28	Opening Luncheon		
	Congressional Visit		
	Government Agency Visit		
	Welcoming Reception		
April 29	Safety Recognition Luncheon		
	Government Affairs Reception		

I will be accompanied by:

Name of Guest:	Guest Nickname:
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MEETING-AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, April 28		Thursday, April 29		Friday, April 30	
9:00 AM	Meeting Registration Concurrent Task Force Meetings Dust Control Ergonomics	6:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Breakfast Open Board of Directors Meeting
10:30 AM	Associate Members Section Meeting Sustainable Development Task Force Meeting	8:30 AM	Concurrent Committee Meetings Safety and Health Transportation	10:00 AM	Adjourn and Depart
12:00 PM	Opening Luncheon, Guest Speaker, and Capitol Hill/Agency Visit Briefing	10:30 AM	Concurrent Committee Meetings Membership Environmental Affairs Operations and Engineering Safety Recognition Luncheon		
1:30 PM	Travel to Capitol Hill/Agencies	12:00 PM			
5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Welcoming Reception Hospitality Suite Open	1:30 PM 3:30 PM	MSHA Stakeholder Meeting Concurrent Section Meetings Ball Clay Bentonite/Barite Calcium Carbonate Industrial Sand Soda Ash and Borates Talc/Wollastonite		
		5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Government Affairs Reception Hospitality Suite Open		