

March 19, 2020

Dear AMSA Membership,

AMSA has been monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak over the past weeks and we have been assessing our activities to determine the best way forward. Following the lead of many of our member companies and the advice of the Government of Alberta, we have decided to cancel all of our scheduled AMSA related travel and meetings including Train-the Trainer sessions, the Emergency Response Committee and General meetings for the remainder of March and through April.

AMSA recognizes that dealing with the pandemic and the safety and well-being of your employees and operations must be your primary focus for the foreseeable future. There will be many challenges to overcome and we know that your employees will be fully tasked with their usual responsibilities in addition to the load created by the impacts of COVID-19. For this reason, we have decided that it may not be feasible for all sites to have mine rescue teams effectively trained and be made available for the 2020 competition scheduled for June. Furthermore, the competition requires a great deal of advanced planning and organization that will be difficult to achieve given these uncertain times. Regretfully, in consultation with Albion, our co-host partner, we have determined that the 2020 mine rescue competition will be cancelled.

We trust that you will find these measures appropriate under the current and evolving circumstances. As we continue to evaluate our upcoming activities, we will ensure that you are informed of any changes. Reputable sources such as the Government of Alberta website (<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx> [alberta.ca]) can be used to provide updates and learn about actions being implemented to protect the health of Albertans.

AMSA is committed to supporting Alberta safety leadership. If there is a way the we can provide assistance to your site safety programs during this time please reach out.

On behalf of the AMSA Executive and Board, stay healthy and take care of one another.

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