

**DESIGN INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF SYSTEMS USERS GROUP
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DIERS Users Group Members

1. The Spring 2010 DIERS Users Group meeting will be held on April 12-14 (Monday to Wednesday) at the Holiday Inn near the Galleria, 3131 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027, (713) 961-1640, Fax: (713) 961-0031, www.higalleria.com (Check out the website). Room rates for the hotel will be \$79 (single / double) plus 17 percent local tax. Mention the DIERS Users Group to get our rate. The hotel will hold our block of rooms until March 22, 2010. A credit card will be required to register at the hotel. Cancellation less than 24 hours before the scheduled arrival date will incur one night's room charge. Reserve early and cancel if necessary.

NOTE: Hotel parking is complimentary.

Meeting charges are expected to be approximately \$85 / day to cover cost of lunches, coffee breaks, audiovisual and rental of the meeting room. Please bring sufficient cash.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
4 / 12 / 10 (Mon)	8:00-5:00	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Design
4 / 13 / 10 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports / Technical Presentations
4 / 13 / 10 (Tue)	7:00-9:00	Group Dinner
4 / 14 / 10 (Wed)	8:00-3:00	ERS Design / Testing Methodology

Registration for the meeting will be by internet: www.aiche.org/diers Please complete the registration form to update your contact information if you plan or do not plan to attend the meeting.

Speakers and Tutorials are needed for all three dates. I need to issue the agenda by the end of January, so please respond ASAP. Call (304) 776-6371 or E-mail fisherhg@suddenlink.net to arrange a presentation. Include Title, Duration, Speakers, and Desired Dates / Times.

NOTE: If you register for the meeting and do not cancel before Wednesday (4 / 6 / 10), you will be expected to pay the meeting charges since the DUG must guarantee a fixed amount and pay the hotel.

NOTE: Making early flight arrangements (six to eight weeks ahead) is important to find the best prices and available seats on desirable flights.

2. CCPS Guidelines Book Revision Meeting:

A group of volunteers is working to revise the CCPS book “Guidelines for Pressure Relief and Effluent Handling Systems”. The group will meet at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday (4 / 14) – 3-5, Thursday (4 / 15) – 8-5, and Friday (4 / 16) – 8-3 (or later depending upon early or late travel). Those affected should register for this portion of the DUG meeting using the registration form.

3. The MINUTES of the 2009 Fall meeting of the DIERS Users Group have been posted.

4. AIChE / ASME / DIERS Continuing Education Course:

Course: Emergency Relief System (ERS) Design Using DIERS Technology

Dates: March 15-17 (M-W), 2010

Location: Harrah’s, Las Vegas, NV

Instructors: Steve G. Coats and Robert D’Alessandro

See the link to the ASME Course Catalog on the AIChE / DIERS website for more details.

Course attendance in 2009 was 10 (Houston) and 12 (San Diego).

5. I look forward to greeting all company representatives in Houston, TX in April 2010.

Very truly yours,



Harold G. Fisher

Chair, DIERS Users Group