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Government Speakers

Re: **The 30th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference**
– *“A Texas State of Mind”*

Dear Speakers:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Thirtieth Annual Texas Environmental Superconference. The conference will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas on Thursday, August 2, and Friday, August 3, 2018; a 2-hour session on Post-Harvey Texas environmental forecast will be held Wednesday evening, August 1st, also at the Four Seasons. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Water Environment Association of Texas, the Texas Association of Environmental Professionals, the Air and Waste Management Association-Southwest Section, the Environmental Health and Safety Audit Center, and the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. This letter summarizes key points for speakers.

As discussed in this [blog](#), the conference is somewhat unique: among other things, it has live skits, quizzes, and prizes. Last year, conference attendance was beyond capacity; we had over 520 registrants from the public and private sectors.

Each year we try to select an amusing theme. This year – our 30th -- the theme is things Texas and the conference is entitled “A Texas State of Mind.” The Wednesday evening program on Post-Harvey environmental forecast is entitled “Deep in the Heart of Texas.”

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the draft program agendas for both the conference and the Wednesday evening program. As soon as possible, please confirm that your name, title, and affiliation are correct. Please let us know too if you have any other suggested changes.

The moderator of the session in which your topic appears is the contact person responsible for each topic in that session. That person will follow up with you regarding deadlines and, for topics with two or more speakers, will help coordinate the presentations of speakers. For some panels, for example, it may be more appropriate to have individual presentations; for others, a question and answer format or a combination may be more appropriate. You should expect to hear from your moderator shortly.

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Although we generally require papers, we realize that your schedule and responsibilities may preclude you from preparing one. We, therefore, are not requesting that you prepare a paper, but if you would like to submit a paper, a relevant agency publication, and/or your PowerPoint, if any, we would be happy to include them in our course materials. If you do intend to use PowerPoint or overheads or slides, please be sure the text can be easily read from the back of the room. We do request that you provide us a one-page biographical sketch for inclusion in the conference materials.

Please send Gilbert Gonzales (Gilbert.Gonzales@haynesboone.com) your biographical sketch and paper or other written materials, no later than **July 13th**. The July 13 deadline is significant because the course materials will likely be made available online, as well as printed in hard copy.

Although the conference does not have the funding to pay for your travel and accommodations, all speakers, of course, are invited to attend the two days of the conference, including lunches and continental breakfasts, and the Wednesday evening program and will receive a copy of the course materials, free of charge. Please let us know if you would like to be registered for the Wednesday evening program, in addition to the conference itself. Please let us know too if you would like printed or electronic versions of the materials and for which program.

The Four Seasons is offering us special rates starting at \$249 (for single occupancy, moderate king room with a city view) and \$289 (for the lake view); these rates extend through the weekend. If you need accommodations, we encourage you to make your reservation early because our block of rooms, with our special rates, fills up very quickly. In addition to the Four Seasons, other fine hotels are nearby.

For your convenience, enclosed is a speaker checklist summarizing the various tasks and due dates. Thanks again for volunteering. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Jeff Civins

Enclosures