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Annual SME Arizona Conference Returns to Tucson in December

Unique, multifaceted industry event covers challenges and opportunities of the mining business in the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico

From December 8-9 at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson, AZ, the 2024 SME Arizona Conference will feature expert speakers, enlightening technical sessions and lively networking events, platforming the remarkable advancements driving the mining industry forward.

The conference program covers the latest regional developments in the areas of mining, environment, geotechnical, mineral processing, geology, and new projects. Special highlights include a keynote session regarding tailings governance presented by Christopher N. Hatton, Senior Vice President I, Geotechnical Engineer, and Technical Fellow at WSP. The conference luncheon will include an address regarding innovation in mining from Cory Stevens, Senior Vice President (Freeport-McMoRan); President, FM Technical Services.

“As a mining powerhouse and top mineral-producing state, Arizona is at the epicenter of key innovations in many key areas, including sustainability,” said David L. Kanagy, SME Executive Director and CEO. “We can’t wait to showcase the incredible work going on in this region and equip our attendees with the information and tools they need to continue these critical efforts.”

Conference attendees will also network and engage during exciting events such as the University of Arizona SME Student Chapter’s 29th Annual Diggers and Duffers Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this event are used to provide meaningful professional and educational opportunities to the next generation of mining.

For more information, visit smeaz.org.

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