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DATE: January 9, 2017

TO: General Managers, Operations & Safety Personnel, FECA Member-Cooperatives

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RE: Annual Operations & Safety Conference Survey

It's time to plan for the next FECA Operations & Safety Conference. The Annual FECA Operations & Safety Conference is set for May 10-12, 2017 at the Sand Pearl Hotel in Clearwater. You can make your hotel reservations now and I would certainly recommend that you do as the hotel has a tendency to get sold out. Sand Pearl Resort, 500 Mandalay Ave., in Clearwater. The website is <u>www.sandpearl.com</u>. FECA has negotiated a special \$179 room rate for a single or double. Advise the hotel that you are with FECA when making your reservations. The number for reservations is (877) 726-3111. The hotel has a limited number of rooms blocked, so please make your reservations early. <u>The deadline for reservations must be made 7 days prior to arrival in order to avoid a penalty equal to one night's rate plus tax</u>. The hotel room fee <u>includes</u> a \$25 per day resort fee which covers access to the fitness center, free local & 800 number calls, wired & wireless internet access, newspaper, in room coffee & bottled water, etc. The hotel only offers valet parking and there is a fee of \$20 per night for this.

Joe Noel at Peace River is the program chairman for 2017 and the co-chairman is Mark Mosley with Suwannee Valley. The program chair and co-chairman will help put together the agenda.

The attached survey helps with the program planning as it provides us with topics that are important to you. Your responses will help ensure that the agenda is filled with speakers and presentations that are geared towards the needs of Florida cooperatives. **Please email, fax, or mail your completed program questionnaire by January 16.**

Thank you for your valuable input. If you have any questions, please contact me.