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The 2012 Conference Committee would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2012 IEEE IAS Pulp & Paper Industry Technical Conference at The Nines Hotel in Portland, Oregon, www.thenines.com, June 17-21, 2012. The Nines is a spectacular venue, recently named to Travel & Leisure's 2011 Top 500 List. Conference attendees will have access to the Riverfront, the trend setting Pearl District and many other things to see and do in beautiful downtown Portland, Oregon. The local committee has secured rooms at a \$169/night rate including free internet. Also, to encourage mill attendees, we have reduced the conference registration fee for industry users by over 40% from last year! We encourage all attendees to come early or stay late, immersing yourselves in the many shops, restaurants and site-seeing venues offered by our enchanting city in the Pacific Northwest.

Following the Sunday night conference reception at The Departure, a 15th floor restaurant atop of our hotel overlooking downtown Portland from two rooftop terraces, we will begin an informative and educational 3-day technical program followed by tutorial sessions at the end of the week. You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Miles Drake, Weyerhaeuser Company Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, who will share ideas on emerging innovation and sustainability in the Forest Products Industry. Twenty-eight new technical papers on industry applications in wood/building products, pulp and paper mills will be presented, augmented by 16 exhibitors showing the latest technologies designed to improve efficiency, reliability and safety. Starting on Thursday, we will begin multi-track tutorials including a Paper Machine Drives Sort Course sponsored by TAPPI and an update on Changes to the NFPA70E-2012 Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace, presented by three experts who are active members of the NFPA70E Committee.

All in all, attending our conference presents a great value and an excellent opportunity to meet industry experts and learn about the latest technologies. After returning from the conference, you will be able to immediately apply your new found knowledge to help assure your operation remains competitive in our continued challenging industry environment. Registration will soon be open at our conference website at www.pulppaper.org. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our local conference committee.

We look forward to see you there!

Warm Regards,

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