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Rare Earth Elements Workshop

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The “Rare Earth Elements (REE) Workshop” is designed to bring awareness to an increasingly important class of minerals for the development of advanced technologies and renewable energy. The workshop will provide an overview of the current state of the REE industry, discuss the environmental implications of mining and processing REE, and examine the issues associated with the disposal and recycling of products containing REE. The workshop will be an opportunity to enhance coordination on the topic of REE, both within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and across governments, and to promote greater national consideration of the potential effects of greater REE extraction with regard to the environment.

The workshop information is as follows.

EPA Region 8 Office
Conference Center, Second Floor
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202
May 10, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please visit <http://www.epa.gov/region8/about/directions> for directions to the EPA Region 8 office.

Registration for the workshop can be found at <http://www.trainex.org/REE>, and there is no charge to register.

A room block is set up for workshop participants at the Federal per diem lodging rate of \$149 per night plus tax for the nights of May 9 and 10, 2012, at the Oxford Hotel, which is located at 1600 17th Street in Denver, Colorado. The hotel is less than a 5-minute walk from the EPA Region 8 office. To make your reservation please contact the Oxford Hotel by calling the preferred reservation line at (303) 628-5421. To ensure that the EPA-BLH Technologies group rate is offered, participants should identify themselves with EPA-BLH Technologies while speaking with the reservations agent. To make your reservation on line, please visit www.theoxfordhotel.com/reservations and enter the code “EPA BLH” in the corporate/promotion code box. Please make your hotel room reservation as soon as possible because space is likely to fill up quickly.

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