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To all AWRF Members and Nashville General Meeting Attendees,

On behalf of the AWRF Board of Directors and JAGwire Management our hearts go out to all those impacted by the COVID-19 virus including those diagnosed with the virus, their families and the many whose jobs have been affected.

After continuous monitoring of the evolving situation (again) and much deliberation, the AWRF Board of Directors and the Association's Management Staff is announcing today the difficult decision that the AWRF Fall General Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee has been cancelled. This decision was made ultimately with the health, safety and well-being of our members, management team, speakers and the community at large.

This decision was made after careful review of the most recent facts from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) along with continuous monitoring of the Delta Variant and how it is impacting our nation. Low attendance numbers, as well as difficult international travel, due to the concerns listed above, also factored into this tough decision.

We understand this outcome come is not ideal and is at a significant cost to both you the member and the association. Although AWRF, which is a nonprofit, encourages attendance to the semi-annual meetings, we know that cancelling the meeting is the right thing to do. Everyone's health and safety comes first. With less than 100 attendees registered as of yesterday, the meeting was also not commercially viable for the association.

The Board of Directors appreciates the time, effort, and resources that you have put into preparing for this event. Like you, we have been working hard, and were looking forward to coming together to learn and network with customers. What a way to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> year of being an association. We look forward to our future events and celebrating all that we have accomplished and continue to accomplish. Our next meeting is a P.I.E. in Houston, TX (April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>).

With this decision, we are prepared to refund 100% of all registration, golf, sponsorships and tour fees. We will be working on the refunds in the next few weeks. Please contact the hotel to cancel your room reservations, if you have trouble, please contact our office.

On behalf of the AWRF Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your patience throughout this decision-making process and your commitment to your association.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Gilbert  
AWRF Chief Executive