Dear Utility and Water Industry Friends,

Like you, Maryland Rural Water Association is closely monitoring the rapidly shifting landscape that our country is dealing with in responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its spread throughout our communities. Foremost in our minds is the health and safety of our colleagues throughout the Maryland water community.

As this pandemic worsens, the MRWA and our Board of Directors have made the very difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Annual Conference and Expo in Ocean City, MD. We feel we cannot, in good conscience, continue with an event that will bring together hundreds of people from our industry who are vital to their communities and risk affecting your health or that of your communities.

We realize this will impact training hours you may have been counting on and will do our best to provide opportunities for you to obtain your continuing education hours. We are currently exploring potential online solutions as well as other training opportunities for you that will be offered later in the year.

Please know that this is not a decision that we have undertaken lightly. As a not-for-profit organization, MRWA relies heavily on revenue from our conference to support our efforts throughout the year. We will provide refunds of registration and exhibitor fees - please email us at info@md-rwa.org and provide your contact info as well as your form of payment. We ask for your patience with us as this will take some time to process everyone in our systems. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 410-489-5877.

If you would like us to hold any registration fees you've paid and apply them to our 2021 Conference, we will be happy to do so, just please let us know. Our 2021 Conference will be at the Ocean City Clarion and will run from May 2-6, so mark your calendars now.

We want to remind all of you that the work you do helps to decrease the spread of this virus and the effect it may have on our communities. We hope that you stay safe and continue to keep Maryland’s rural water safe as well.

Sincerely,

Sue Houghton
Executive Director