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NAT 2020 Conference Canceled

The Underground Construction Association of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (UCA of SME) is disappointed to announce that the North America Tunneling (NAT) 2020 Conference originally scheduled to be held June 7-10 in Nashville, TN, has been canceled. It is with the safety of all involved, coupled with the uncertainty of what business and travel environments will look like in June that the difficult decision was made to cancel this bi-annual event.

One of the core values of the UCA of SME is health and safety, so it is even more critical that we take measures to stay true to our principles and lead the way in these uncertain times.

"It's not the outcome we planned for, but certainly in the best interest of everyone involved," said Dave Kanagy, Executive Director of UCA of SME. "We appreciate the hard work and dedication that our volunteers have done to develop another leading industry program. The UCA staff is currently looking into potential virtual options to share some of those much anticipated sessions."

More information can be found online at natconference.com/COVID-19-updates.

We know the current situation won't last, so mark your industry calendars for the Cutting Edge Conference to be held November 9-11, 2020 in Dallas, Texas and for the Rapid Excavation & Tunneling Conference to be held June 13-16, 2021 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The UCA of SME

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