



**Configuration Management Benchmarking Group
2005 Conference Information
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FirstEnergy

Presents

The 12th Annual

CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT BENCHMARKING GROUP CONFERENCE

The Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center

June 19 - 22, 2005

Cleveland, Ohio

FirstEnergy is pleased to sponsor the 2005 Configuration Management Benchmarking Group Conference this year.

The conference is a great way to meet and share information with other Configuration Management practitioners from throughout the nuclear industry and government nuclear facilities. If you haven't attended a conference in the past, you should make plans to attend this important event.

A preliminary agenda has been established to present the following topics:

- Fleet Re-Organizations- Impact on Processes Like CM
- Temp Mods and Temporary Alterations
- Vendor Technical Information (VTI) Programs
- NRC CM Pilot Inspections
- CM of Digital Equipment
- CM and License Renewal: Effect on Future CM Program Needs and Challenges
- Drawing Controls, Master Equipment Lists (MEL) Database Controls
- CM of Design and Operation Margin: Configuration Management of Degraded Components
- AP-929 Revision 1: How to Implement at Your Facility
- CM Organizational Structure: Best Practices
- Practical Issues with Operations & Maintenance CM Interfaces
- Capturing CM "Tribal Knowledge" ; Aging Workforce Issues
- Calculation Management

2005 Conference Registration

The conference registration fee is still only \$200. This includes a welcoming reception on Sunday evening, a Lake Erie dinner cruise on the Nautica Queen on Tuesday evening and breakfast, lunch and refreshments daily. You can register at CMBG.org.

Hotel Reservations

The CMBG rate is \$129.00 per night, and the hotel will extend this rate to CMBG attendees for the weekend before and the weekend after the conference. The reservation cutoff date is May 19, 2005. After this date, reservations will be accepted as available and will be at the hotel's normal rates. You can register at CMBG.org, or call (216) 696-9200. Use Group Code FECFECA to get the conference rate.

Cleveland Indians vs. the Boston Redsox

The World Champion Boston Redsox will be in town to play the Cleveland Indians at Jacobs Field the week of the conference. We are attempting to purchase a limited number of tickets for the Monday night game (June 20th) at an approximate cost of \$18 - \$25. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this game, you can pre-register at CMBG.org.

The theme of this year's conference is "**Cleveland Rocks**". Cleveland is a Great City by a Great Lake. It has a rich history of civil, mechanical and industrial engineering. Some of Cleveland's greatest scientists and engineers include Charles F. Brush (inventor of the arc light) and Garrett Morgan (inventor of the gas mask and the traffic light). Brush received one of his 50 career patents, for the "perfect" open coil-type dynamo, a predecessor of the modern generator. His arc light, demonstrated in Cleveland's Public Square in 1879, made Brush world-famous, and by 1882 "Brush Lights" were used throughout the world. Brush helped turn Cleveland into an early center of the electrical industry. Thus, Cleveland is a "rock" or "foundation" of our industry, and today, is home to 163 engineering companies, many of which specialize in civil engineering and construction, key practitioners of Configuration Management. For more information about what Cleveland has to offer, go to CMBG.org and click on the 2005 Conference Home Page.

This announcement is being distributed to CM practitioners listed on the CMBG database. If you are not the appropriate individual to attend this event, please forward this mailing to the person(s) responsible for CM at your facility. If you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please go CMBG.org and submit the change to the Contacts database, or email your request to cljanu@firstenergycorp.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland this June. If you have questions, or would like more information about the conference, you can contact me at (330) 384-4544, klinew@firstenergycorp.com or Cathy Janu at (440) 280-5409 or cljanu@firstenergycorp.com.

Sincerely,

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