

Environmental Information Association Members and Visitors,

As the 2009 EIA-AZ President Elect and on behalf of the EIA-Arizona Chapter we wish to welcome you.

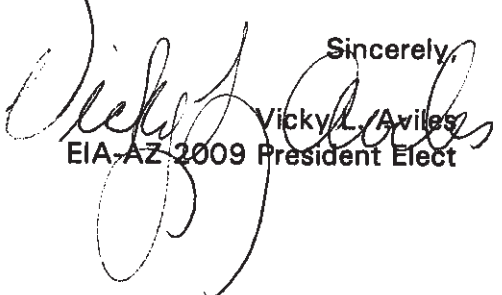
During these times of economic uncertainties we face challenges in our personal lives, professional positions, local government and nationally. It is our hope that the EIA-AZ can respond to these challenges in our own back yards and lessen the pains it may require to weather these times.

It is our goal to offer a member/corporate sponsorship interactive program this year to provide educational and social events and networking opportunities. We will strongly continue to support our regulatory outreach programs including the asbestos regulatory seminars and hopefully improve on approaches to others. This year we will depend upon volunteers to assist in making this organization a stronger, viable organization.

We will focus on our membership and encourage continued allegiance from existing and past members and seek opportunities to offer something of value to new prospective members and corporate sponsors. It is these sponsorship funds that support our outreach programs.

The Contractor's Forum is not a thing of the past but an expansion towards the future and will become the Compliance Forum in 2009. We hope to address issues regarding OSHA compliance, NESHAP fee revision, and work with municipalities permit programs to inform builders and other communities about the regulations regarding building remodels and demolitions. Ground work has been laid to secure participation and commitment from our local regulators during a recent meeting where state OSHA, Federal EPA, and Maricopa County Air Quality were in attendance.

So I invite you to take the ride, participate and make a difference.

Sincerely,

Vicky L. Aviles
EIA-AZ 2009 President Elect