



The *Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Detroit Section* and the 2021 SPE TPO Automotive Engineered Polyolefins Conference Planning Committee have been closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic. Our team has been reviewing responses at the state and federal levels in order to assess the best options for our annually scheduled conference that is set in October.

Although we are beginning to see some improvements in our current environment, we have decided to adapt this year's event to an all-virtual setting. This decision was made after reviewing the guidelines set by the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), assessing maximum live gathering size allowances and protocols, and discussing with our intended audience, sponsors, planned speakers, and committee members.

Our top priority remains the health and safety of our global attendees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, supporting partners and the 40+ voluntary members of the Planning Committee. We are committed to provide the same high levels of technical program education and interaction, as well as excellent opportunities to network "under one roof" – it will just be in a different setting this year.

More information regarding the logistics of our virtual event will be available on our website www.auto-tpo.com. If you are a sponsor or exhibitor for this event, you will receive separate communications in the coming weeks. Planned speakers will also be contacted with guidance and instructions regarding their presentations.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this decision may cause. We are confident that together with you, we will continue to enhance the value we deliver to the industry through the necessary virtual approach this year. Our teams encourage any feedback or questions to one of our Planning Committee members.

We look forward to seeing you virtually for this 2021 event,

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