



A message to all attendees of our IoT in Oil and Gas, Blockchain in Oil and Gas and Wearable Technology in Oil and Gas conferences,

Firstly, I want to thank so many for your emails and calls of concern over the past few days. It is comforting to know so many of our community were thinking of us this week. Let me assure you that our team is doing great – we all have been incredibly fortunate and all our families and properties have made it through Harvey unaffected.

That said, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have been impacted – it is heartbreaking to see so many people affected as they have been. Houston is a strong, diverse city and a compassionate city, and I have no doubt it will bounce back stronger than ever.

Houston has been hit hard, and the impact will be long lasting. However, life continues, business does not stop, many people are back at work, or will be returning over the coming days. As America's fourth largest city, 60 miles from north to south and east to west – the city will continue to operate, with pockets that take longer to bounce back than others. Houston will also need your help – hotels and local businesses need the rest of America (and the world) to support them, to carry on doing business like before.

I have just driven around various parts of west Houston (where the conference is being held) and the speed of how quickly water has cleared is amazing. Not all areas, but certainly the main arterials (ie Westpark Tollway, I10) and surroundings are clear.

With the conferences now 2 weeks away, I have been understandably contacted by many re whether the conferences will run as planned.

I have go ahead and will run the conferences, based on the following:

- I have just been to the Marriott Westchase, and it is unaffected. The roads to the Marriott Westchase are unaffected
- There are still accommodation rooms available at the Marriott Westchase – if you have not booked, let us know and we can advise how to take one of these rooms
- Both airports have reopened as of today (Wednesday August 30) to limited domestic service, and services will no doubt increase quickly
- The event is 2 weeks away – and judging by how quickly flood waters have receded over the past 24 hours, the Houston next week will be a lot different to the Houston today
- 95% of people I have spoken to (phone and email) are still planning on attending the conferences
- Over 400 people's schedules have been cleared to attend, and to reschedule based on a date that works for even 50% would be very difficult

Over the past few days, and over the coming 2 weeks, my team will work diligently to ensure the event runs successfully for all attendees. If we can do anything at all, please let me know.

If anything changes (which based on all weather forecasts I do not anticipate) I will let you know.

There are a lot of great people doing great things at the moment – one of those people is JJ Watt. He has raised close to \$6 million so far – if you want to contribute to help Houston get back on its feet, please click <https://www.youcaring.com/victimsofhurricaneharvey-915053>. We are donating a percentage of the proceedings to this cause, and hope others can as well.

My cell number is 713 906 8284 or email [symon.rubens@energyconferencenetwork.com](mailto:symon.rubens@energyconferencenetwork.com) should anyone have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Symon Rubens".

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