



# NASSCO News

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## NASSCO Is Education, Training and Networking

What began more than three decades ago as a small contractor organization has today grown to become the leading industry association representing a diverse group of contractors, manufacturers, engineers, municipal professionals, suppliers and others.

True to its mission, NASSCO continues to set the standards for the rehabilitation of underground utilities through education, training and networking.

To learn more about NASSCO, please visit [www.nassco.org](http://www.nassco.org).

## Making the Out of Sight Top of Mind

In our industry we often talk about how problems with sewer pipes are often out of sight and therefore out of mind — until an obvious problem occurs. This idea explains why so often we struggle getting funding for much-needed rehabilitation projects or getting the public to understand the importance of investing in our precious underground infrastructure.

The good news is that all that is changing. EPA's consent decrees have helped bring rehabilitation needs to the forefront — making states responsible for fixing their ailing sewer pipes or face lofty fines as a result. Consumers are starting to experience higher utility rates for sewer and water. And, in early fall 2008, a documentary titled "Liquid Assets" produced by Penn State University will air on PBS stations nationwide. NASSCO provided \$10,000 in seed money to get this important project off the ground. The documentary is expected to help build grassroots public awareness and support the need for more money to be invested in underground infrastructure.

What does this increased awareness mean for today's trenchless technology professional? It means opportunity. It also means it's more important than ever that our industry continues to adhere to standards that equate to successful rehabilitations. Every successful rehabilitation project is a win for our entire industry — the rising tide that lifts all boats. NASSCO is here to help by providing extensive resources to help trenchless technology professionals succeed.

Just a few examples of the technical information NASSCO provides include:

- Specifications Guidelines
- Sewer Jetting Code of Practices
- MACP/PACP/LACP Reference Manuals with Training
- Manual of Sewer Condition Classifications
- And much more!

Additionally, NASSCO offers an array of training opportunities such as PACP, MACP, Inspector Training for CIPP and more. Both new and experienced sewer industry professionals can embrace this information and use it to grow in their career and build their business.



NASSCO's PACP program is now recognized in North America as the standard for assessing the condition of pipelines. NASSCO's new Inspector Training for CIPP is the industry's first of its kind and is expected to be embraced like PACP. To learn more about NASSCO's training and educational opportunities, visit [www.nassco.org](http://www.nassco.org).

## Join Us - An Invitation from the Executive Director

If you're not already a NASSCO member, I invite you to join us. The return you will receive on your small membership fee will be well worth it. What better place to invest than in yourself, your business and your future? 2008 is an exciting year at NASSCO with a record-number of training and education opportunities, new office space and much more. Our members tell me over and over again the net-

working value alone is worth the membership fee. Many others tell me how being a member of NASSCO has personally helped their careers and likewise their businesses. To learn more about membership benefits or to become a member, please visit us at [www.nassco.org](http://www.nassco.org) or contact Heather Myers, operations manager at (410) 486-3500.



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### NASSCO Creates Task Force to Explore Styrene-CIPP issue

In response to recent concerns and the need to supply the engineering community with good, sound information, NASSCO has formed a task group to investigate the proper and responsible use of styrenated resin systems in CIPP applications. While long a mainstay of the CIPP systems, NASSCO felt that a definitive look into the safety and environmental issues surrounding its usage would benefit both the users of the technology and the contractors supplying the CIPP systems. Most information used to date was borrowed from the boating and tank manufacturing industries, which typically spray-apply the resin systems; a very different usage than a contained system such as the polymerically coated, resin saturated tubes found in the CIPP industry.

The task group is currently recruiting members and existing scientific information to formulate the direction it needs to take going forward. The response to a request for volunteers has been overwhelming. The task group is currently made up of a broad mix of consulting engineers, resin manufacturers, CIPP installation contractors, and owners. The existing scientific information is being gathered and compiled for future dissemination and discussion.

### NASSCO Responds to OSHA Confined Spaces Rule

NASSCO recently submitted a letter to OSHA calling for a public hearing on its Proposed Rule for Confined Spaces in Construction. This ruling would significantly impact the daily operations of many trenchless technology professionals. At this writing it is unclear if OSHA will allow public hearings on this matter. NASSCO will continue to monitor this proposed rules change and will continue its efforts to ensure that our industry comments are considered by OSHA.

### New Digs for NASSCO

NASSCO's headquarters office has a new home located at 11521 Cronridge Drive, Suite J, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The NASSCO phone number remains the same: (410) 486-3500.

## Calendar

### April 14-15

#### PACP Training

Baltimore, MD- User Training Only

Includes Manholes!

Contact Heather Myers (410) 486-3500

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### April 27-May 2

#### No-Dig Show

Visit NASSCO at Booth #524

### May 19-21

#### PACP Training

Baltimore, MD- User & Trainer

Training Available Includes Manholes!

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### June 18-20

#### PACP Training

Seattle, WA- User and Trainer

Training Available Includes Manholes!

Contact John Jurgens (425) 487-3325

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### June 23-24

#### PACP Training

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