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A LOOK BACK: 2004

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The P3 has become an important tool for communication between NASSCO and the PACP community. Before we look forward to new exciting developments in 2005, let's use this issue to review previous P3 articles.

*November 2003 - **Reminder: NASSCO is The Official PACP Authority*** - This article discusses how NASSCO is the sole authority on PACP, and is the source for all information regarding codes and coding rules, Trainer certification, PACP database issues, software vendor certification, and any other questions surrounding PACP.

*December 2003 - **PACP for Engineers*** - Engineers may not be the actual individuals that code sewer defects, but they nevertheless need to understand the PACP, how to interpret PACP data, application of PACP Condition Grading, and how to apply PACP data to a variety of sewer pipeline management decisions.

*January 2004 - **PACP Condition Grading*** - wastewater collection system managers need a process to quickly disseminate what sewer pipelines need immediate attention and what pipelines are in good shape. The PACP Condition Grading provides a reliable process to derive both a structural rating and an O&M rating from the PACP coding data.

*February 2004 - **PACP is listening, Are You Saying Something*** - NASSCO is always looking for ways to improve PACP. One of the best sources for improvement is feedback obtained from the PACP community.

*March 2004 - **Review of PACP and 2004 Annual Meeting*** - New and existing areas of PACP were discussed at the NASSCO Annual Meeting in Tucson and reviewed in the article.

*April 2004 - **NASSCO PACP Standard Database*** - Although other components of the PACP such as the PACP Manual or Training are more visible, the PACP Standard Database plays an integral role in the usability and value of PACP.

*May 2004 - **The History and Future of PACP*** - The parallels between the need for sewer condition coding standardization in the United States and the initial establishment of the WRc coding system in the UK is discussed.

*June 2004 - **Where do the PACP Codes Come From?*** - A review of the history of sewer condition assessment worldwide and a perspective on PACP.

*July 2004 - **PAC Program Progress and Changes*** - Changes to the PACP in the form of Trainer Re-Certification and NASSCO's support of industry educational efforts.

*September 2004 - **PACP Maturity Brings Changes*** - The new policy for Trainer re-certification and Trainer categories is discussed in more detail.

*November 2004 - **Trainer Re-Certification and Quality Control*** - An update on our efforts to implement the Trainer re-certification program and a discussion of the development of a CCTV Quality Control protocol for PACP data.

All PACP users will find valuable information on many aspects of the Program in these P3 articles. Trainers may wish to print copies of some of the articles for distribution to classes. Proponents of PACP may find certain articles useful in defining the benefits of PACP. All P3 articles are accessible to the general public through the NASSCO website (www.NASSCO.org). Follow the PACP link to the PACP INFORMATION page and click on P3.

Got an idea for a P3 article? We are always looking for new information, so feel free to submit something to NASSCO and you might just find yourself published!