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PAC PROGRAM[®] PROGRESS & CHANGES

The continued growth of the Pipeline Assessment & Certification Program[®] (PACP[®]) has been very gratifying to everyone associated with the program. We learn every week of PACP[®] certification for CCTV operators being required in more cities and sewer districts. That growth brings with it a responsibility to constantly monitor the PACP[®] so it can continue to expand its importance and relevance to our industry. We have recognized a need to add modules to the PACP[®] for defect coding in manholes and laterals. Efforts are now well underway to bring those additions to PACP[®] in early 2005. Changes and improvements to the PACP[®] Software are being considered at this moment.

We have also instituted a Trainer Re-Certification program that requires all Trainers who have not actively trained within 18 months of certification to be re-certified in PACP. The re-certification classes will be at no cost and will be scheduled to coincide with the 3 major industry trade shows (WEFTEC, UCT, and No-Dig). When the manhole and lateral modules are completed we will include no cost training at the same times and places.

Changes in the Trainer program have been instituted recently so that all PACP[®] Trainers are still able to train PACP[®] Users while only Master Trainers can train new PACP[®] Trainers and Users. The intent is to ultimately have 1 to 3 Master Trainers in each of the 10 EPA Regions so classes can be scheduled conveniently and cost effectively in each region for training Trainers. All PACP[®] Trainers who have been actively training are invited to submit a brief résumé along with a request to be considered for Master Trainer status. Those requests should be submitted to me at the NASSCO office. The PACP[®] Operating Committee will review and determine the next round of appointments to Master Trainer Status.

NASSCO fully understands its responsibility to re-invest the proceeds from the PACP[®] back into our Industry and has taken a number of steps to do so. We recently gave a substantial Educational Grant to Penn State University to begin the development of a program to be aired on PBS stations throughout the U.S. that will explain to the public the need for funding and the need to improve the condition of our infrastructure. More focused and shorter presentations will be made available to all NASSCO members for distribution to their interested customers and political entities that may benefit by having supporting background information. Other efforts to re-invest the PACP[®] proceeds will be announced as soon as the details have been resolved.

It is clear that NASSCO and PACP[®] are doing good things for the Industry and those of us fortunate enough to be involved in it. You as involved PACP[®] participants are the major contributors to the good that has come and will come from PACP[®]. You have every right to be proud of your contribution and to expect the benefits to continue to grow.

Irvin Gemora
Executive Director

ANNOUNCEMENT

A few changes have been made to the tutorial. They include:

1. Module 6A
Slide 12; Slide 52
2. Module 6B
Slide 33
3. Module 6C
Slide 9; Slide 15

Changes can be found online under Training Material updates!