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UPDATES:**

- Version 1.01 of the MC Test is now 1.02. A few pages were altered slightly. A list of the updated pages is available on the website.
- We are in the process of revising the Trainer Agreement. New agreements will be mailed to all trainers in the near future.
- We are still searching for better images. If you have some that would be appropriate, please forward them to the NASSCO office for consideration.

**Certified
Software
News:**

Cobra Technologies is now a Certified PACP© Software Vendor! We now have 4 Certified Vendors:

- Cobra Technologies
- Flexidata
- Peninsular Technologies
- TwC Designs

Please go to www.nassco.org for more information. There you will find everything you need to get in touch with a representative from the vendor of your choice.

Please remember that we are now supplying certified software literature with all manuals that are purchased for training.

PRESS RELEASE: *This is a Press Release being sent out for immediate publication... It was prompted by one Trainer who decided that he could issue certificates in violation of our copyright protection. Please be assured that we will vigorously defend our copyright protection by all means available to us.*

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Reminder: NASSCO Is The Official PACP© Authority

NASSCO's Pipeline and Certification Program (PACP)© has been widely acclaimed by the pipe rehabilitation industry as a long needed answer to the problem of standardizing CCTV defect coding. Many system owners and consulting engineering firms have started requiring that all CCTV work be performed by PACP© certified operators.

As the program continues to grow, NASSCO Executive Director, Irv Gemora, reminds those considering taking the program to make certain their trainer is authorized and working within the NASSCO PACP© guidelines.

Only NASSCO has the authority to grade PACP© final exams and, based upon the results of those exams, issues PACP certificates. These steps are important because:

- NASSCO is the only authorized test review authority for PACP©;
- Only NASSCO has the authority to issue certification based upon test results;
- NASSCO maintains a national database of those who have successfully completed the PACP©. That information is shared with municipalities/owners trying to identify qualified persons in their area; and
- Those trainers working with NASSCO receive up-to-date modifications and improvements to the PACP© manual.

To verify that your trainer is NASSCO authorized or to verify your certification, check the NASSCO web site at www.nassco.org and link to the item "PACP© Certified Trainers and Users." The alphabetical listing will verify all those who are properly certified and will be updated daily. Or, call the NASSCO office at (410) 486-3500 for additional information.

In order to protect the integrity of the program, it is vital that everyone recognize the importance of verification. NASSCO will vigorously protect its copyright protection of PACP© to ensure the

Plans For Re-Certification on the Horizon

As we approach the third year of PACP training and use, the need for re-certifying Trainers and Users becomes more apparent. In the first year and one half NASSCO has certified over 150 PACP Trainers. Less than 24 are actively training and the vast majority has never trained a single PACP user.

Teaching PACP is an acquired skill that requires practice and repetition. Perhaps the inactive trainers don't feel confident enough to teach because of their lack of practice. If they are not teaching because they have concerns about their ability to

do it well, I salute them for choosing not to train due to those concerns. If they are not teaching PACP because they are pressed by their work schedules and demands on their time, I salute them for "taking care of business".

Each PACP Trainer carries the title and burden of being the "Director of First Impressions" for PACP and NASSCO. It is NASSCO's responsibility to insure that all Trainers give a good impression of PACP by teaching the material professionally and thoroughly. Therefore, the PACP Operating Committee will develop

a plan for re-certifying each Trainer every three years. A plan to re-certify Users will follow. We have learned from WRc that they recommend a three-year re-certification for the same reasons and on a similar schedule. The PACP Operating Committee will submit its plan to the PACP Oversight Committee that is composed of NASSCO Presidents past, present and future before it is announced.

If you want to contact me at your convenience I will be happy to discuss this or any other matter with you.
Irv Gemora ~ Executive Director