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TRAINER RE-CERTIFICATION & QUALITY CONTROL

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As many of you know, NASSCO is implementing a Trainer Re-Certification program that requires all Trainers who have not actively trained within 18 months of certification to be re-certified by attending a Trainer Re-Certification Class. The first Re-Certification Class was held last month in conjunction with WEFTEC in New Orleans. The re-certification provides the opportunity for Trainers to receive a refresher on presentation of the Training Modules, with particular emphasis on the modules discussing the background of defect coding and technical issues. We also review any significant changes to the Tutorial or the Manual, and discuss administration issues such as scheduling classes, ordering manuals, and submitting test results.

NASSCO provides the re-certification classes at no cost to the Trainers. Classes are tentatively scheduled for the three major industry trade shows (WEFTEC, UCT, and No-Dig), with the next re-certification class next January in Houston during UCT. NASSCO also may schedule re-certification classes in various cities throughout the year based on individual demand and circumstances. Our goal is to implement the Trainer Re-certification process but minimize the inconvenience to the Trainers.

A new area of PACP development is CCTV Data Quality Control. The CCTV industry in the UK has had a quality control program in place since the beginning of standardized CCTV coding and that QC program is now well established. The bene-

fits of creating a QA/QC program for PACP have been brought to the attention of NASSCO. The PACP QA/QC Program would consist of randomly selecting pipe segments coding by a User, then scoring the accuracy of the coding. The program would be primarily administered by the User's company or utility, with oversight by NASSCO.

It is easy to see adding a QA/QC element to PACP will greatly improve the quality of CCTV data. While CCTV data entry software can provide some level of error-checking, it is still the responsibility of the User to actually choose what gets coded and how the observations or defects are coded. A QA/QC Program will go a long way in improving confidence in PACP data and reducing the subjectivity and individuality of the PACP coding.

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- More changes have been made to the Manual (3.0.2). You can view these changes at www.nassco.org under Manual Updates. An outline is provided for the changes made as well as the files needed to update the affected pages in your manual.
- Remember when scheduling a class to submit the class registration form well in advance of the intended class date. If under 2 weeks notice is given, we cannot guarantee that we will have enough manuals on hand. Also, all contact information is need on each student attending the class. Please fill out the student registration form for this. Both the class and student registration forms can be found on your Trainer CD or on the website under Training Materials. If you do not have the current trainer CD a new one will be sent when class notification is given, unless otherwise requested.