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PNWS Section Safety Committee Report, Spring Trustee Meeting May 3, 2017

To: Trustees of PNWS-AWWA

From: Don Lovas, Safety Committee Chair

Subject: Safety Committee Report for Spring Trustees Meeting

Typically the Safety Committee has limited input and interest over the last few years. I am the new Section Chair for Safety Committee after assuming the role at the beginning of November. As the new Chair my hope is to bring more interest and trainings to the Section regarding safety, as well as convey further safety awareness to water utility operators in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The Safety Committee has struggled to gain members in the last few years so I hope to invite more of our Section membership to get involved to help keep their own utility operators safe.

Announcements:

- The events recently attended by the committee include a presentation on Excavation Safety at the Cascade to Coast Short School in March of 2017.
- The state of Washington recently approved methodology to allow water operators to practice the same asbestos cement pipe repairs adopted by Oregon OSHA for use by water and wastewater operators.
- Coordinating additional safety training for the Section level to be approved for CEU's in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho (previously approved courses)

- “Train the Trainer” for water industry professionals looking to teach Asbestos Pipe Repair Class at the Section Level. ****To be coordinated in conjunction with with TCC Committee*
- Winter Safety School planned for September/October at Clackamas Community College for ARC Flash, AC Pipe, and Excavation Safety

Thank you,

Don Lovas, PNWS Section Safety Chair

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