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PNWS Section Safety Committee Report, Winter Trustee Meeting 2018

To: Trustees of PNWS-AWWA

From: Don Lovas, Section Safety Committee Chair

Subject: Safety Committee Report for Winter Trustees Meeting

The PNWS-AWWA Section Safety Committee has had limited input and interest within the last couple of years from the section membership. The Committee membership has continued slowly since I took on the role as chair about a year ago. 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 membership in the last few years, but I hope as Chair to spark interest and invite more of the subsections to get members involved to help maintain the safety of our operators and field personnel within Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

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, which will be part of the training planned in Oregon and Washington scheduled for this coming spring and summer.

- 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 the TCC Committee.*
- Asbestos trainings have been approved for the Safety Committee Budget for this year and trainings are planned for the spring of 2018 in Vancouver, Washington with a location/time TBD and the summer of 2018 in Eastern Oregon at a location/time TBD.
- The PNWS Section Winter Safety School has also been approved within the section budget and is scheduled for September/October 2018 at Clackamas Community College or a location/time TBD to include topics on ARC Flash, AC Pipe, and Excavation/Trench Safety.

Thank you,

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