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PNWS Section Safety Committee Report, Fall 2018

To: Trustees of PNWS-AWWA

From: Don Lovas, Section Safety Committee Chair

Subject: Fall Committee Report, Safety

The PNWS-AWWA Section Safety Committee continues to have minimal input and interest within the PNWS since I took over as Chair. The Committee membership has continued to slowly gain little interest within the Section. I will attempt to bring more interest and trainings to the Section regarding safety, as well as convey further safety awareness to water utility operators throughout Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The Safety Committee has struggled to gain membership in the last few years, but I will continue to engage more of the subsections to get members involved to help maintain the safety of our operators and field personnel within Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. As part of this plan I'll be traveling to the Tacoma area to provide a training on Asbestos Pipe with the help of Megan Munro of the City of Everett.

Announcements:

- Preparing safety training for the Section level to be approved for CEU's in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho (previously approved courses)
- Still in the process of planning events and workshops for the Safety Committee for the last few months of this year. Approved asbestos trainings have been approved for the Safety Committee Budget for this year and trainings are planned for some time in November or December based on proctor schedules. The current plan is for an AC pipe

training in the Tacoma area the middle of November and another training in the Vancouver area the first part of December.

- An additional training may also take place in early December involving Trench Safety and ARC Flash that would be promoted to both the Section and local Subsections in the Portland area.

Thank you,

Don Lovas, PNWS Section Safety Chair

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