



# "The Pipeline"

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**May 2024**

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of this beautiful spring weather! Summer temps will be here before we know it.

The NUCA of the Carolina's Spring Conference 2024 at Isle of Palms, S.C. just recently wrapped up and what a huge success it was! We had an enormous turnout this year; one of the largest I can remember. The weather was perfect for our Friday Cinco de Mayo themed dinner on the roof top. Special thanks to Sid and Jess Carpenter and the Highway 88 band for playing some great music for us. What a special night, thanks again.

The conference was educational and lots of fun. I appreciate everyone who participated in the Team Building event this year; what a lot of fun we had building the NUCA towers. Thanks to United Rentals for sponsoring and bring the idea to the board. I can't thank the speakers enough for taking time out of their schedules to come spend time with us. Carson Goslee (Six Attributes of difference makers), Misty Wise from SC 811, Caryn Maxfield and Ante Petricevic from American Global, Will Pawley for an interesting and eye-opening AI update. Last but not least special thanks to our own Justice Everett for filling in for Louis Panzer for NC 811 update.

What a great job Jason Walker did with the Safety Presentation. Thanks to everyone who participated. Jason will have more details in his report.

A couple of upcoming events you won't want to miss, Annual Clay Shoot May 10<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Pond in snow camp. This event is once again Sold-Out thanks to Paul Hunter for always putting on a great event. The Washington Summit is May 22-24th and the NUCA Open is June 6<sup>th</sup> at Forest Oaks Country Club, Greensboro, NC. This event is also Sold Out. Thank You all who will be participating and sponsoring these events, we couldn't do it without your support.

Reminder - Fall Conference coming up on October 10- 12<sup>th</sup> at the Grove Park in Ashville NC. You won't want to miss this event. Registration and room block information will be coming soon. Remember this conference sells out very quickly so book early!

I would like to take a moment to thank conference exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees who always make our events a huge success. Without each of you these events wouldn't be possible.

Enjoy your summer, see you soon.

Mike Hewitt – Garney Construction  
President – NUCA of the Carolina's

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While many of our NUCA members were down in Isle of Palms, SC enjoying the weather and the Spring Conference; a small group of dedicated folks partnered with the Junior League of Raleigh to participate in their annual Touch-A-Truck.

Special thanks to, Cardinal Civil Contracting, Terrahawk Civil, Young Construction, Biting Electric and United Rentals for making this event one to remember for all the kids and families that came out.

There were excavators, skid steers, trucks, emergency response vehicles, pipes, cranes, bounce houses and more that drew a huge crowd and allowed us to continue to propel our industry forward and give the next generation an opportunity to see what we're all about.

We are looking forward to making this an annual partnership so go ahead and save the date for next year, April 12th, 2025, and be sure to reach out to Grant Walker ([gtw@indacorisk.com](mailto:gtw@indacorisk.com)) if you'd like to participate or sponsor.



# Bobbitt Construction Field Day

What an awesome day we had at Bobbitt's Construction Field Day in Burlington, NC, where we shared our passion for the utility industry with local students!

We had a fantastic time sharing stories and demonstrating how underground water utilities work. A special shoutout to CJ Batista with Batista Grading Inc for their generous support and allowing us to use their amazing Water System Simulator!

Shoutout to Bobbitt for putting it all together, and big thanks to Rob Goslee from Morgan Corp. for inviting us! We couldn't have done it without you guys!





## The Great Raleigh Clean Up

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help make a difference! Join us in this philanthropic event and be part of something bigger!

May 18th, 2024



- 2233 Avent Ferry Rd
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- 10am-12pm
- Number of Participants Limited



Reach out to Kyle Reitzel if interested in attending or supporting:  
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## NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS YOUNG LEADERS 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Take a look at what NUCA of the Carolinas Young Leaders has planned for 2024! We are excited for another year of building connections, community service, education, and fun. All NUCA Young Leaders are welcome to attend these events, and we encourage you to bring non-NUCA members as well. We will have more information about each event soon and will be adding other events.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Greater Raleigh Cleanup

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Charlotte Social (Location TBD)

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Habitat for Humanity of Wake County Build Day

**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Raleigh Social (Location TBD)

**Follow us on social media to stay informed about upcoming events!**



# SPRING CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## Welcome Reception



## CINCO DE MAYO NIGHT!

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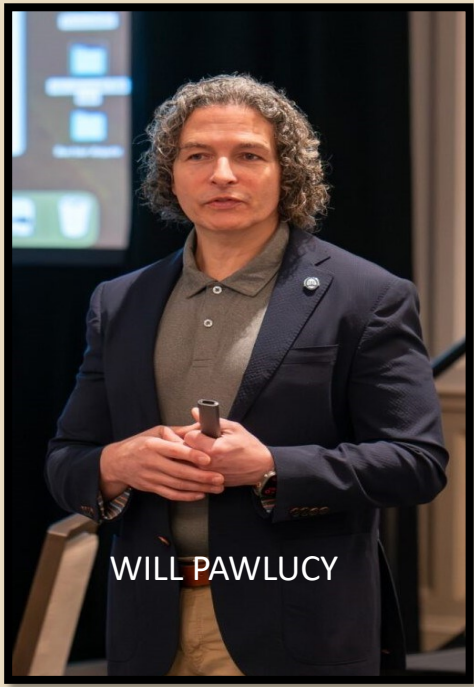
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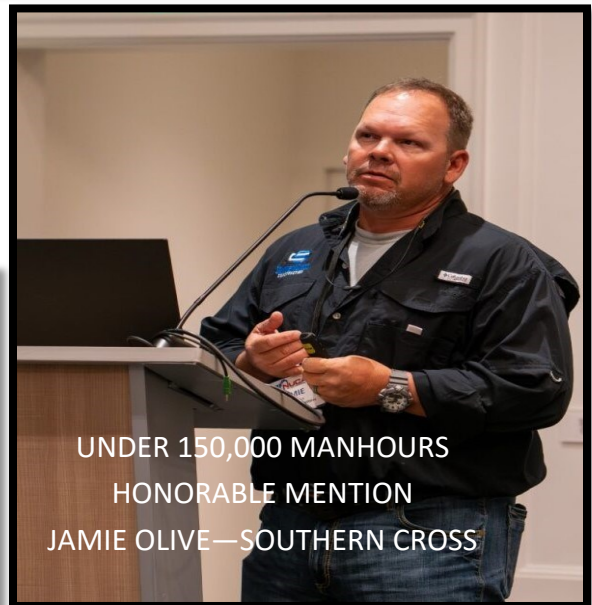
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## Trench Safety Stand Down

Trench Safety Stand Down Week  
June 17-21, 2024

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**NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS**  
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# Spring Conference Golf



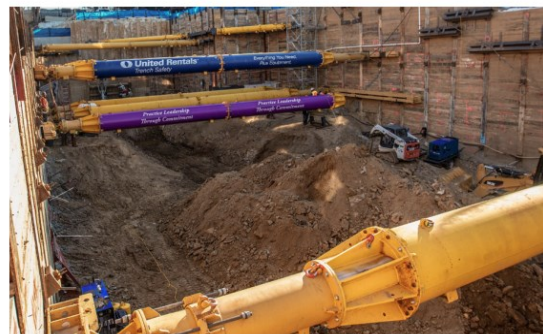
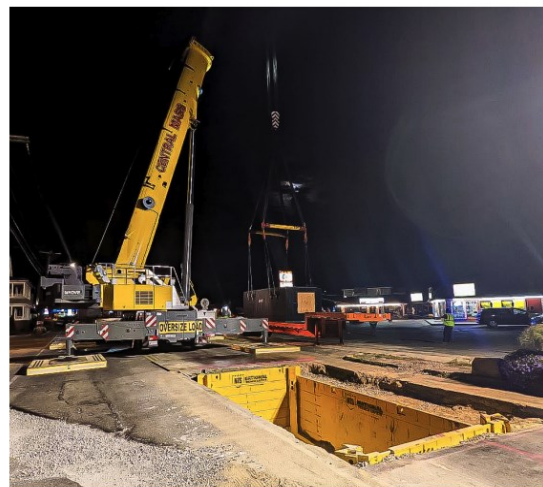
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**JASON HILL**  
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# JUNE IS TRENCH SAFETY MONTH!

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## Trench Safety Stand Down Week | June 17–21, 2024

*Make plans for your company to participate in the 2024 NUCA Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) Week. Being a part of our popular 8th annual TSSD Week will help educate your employees on trenching hazards at the jobsite.*

OSHA's National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavation is a high agency priority. Sponsored this year by NUCA National Partners United Rentals and Sunstate Equipment Co., NUCA and OSHA have teamed up for our annual trench safety program. More than 25,800 employees on 2,487 jobsites from 455 companies participated in the 2023 TSSD.

Every company or organization that holds a TSSD will receive a certificate of participation, as well as hard-hat stickers for every employee who participated. Recognition will also be given in NUCA publications. Please plan for your company to be a part of this vital industry safety event this year.

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## Welcome to May!

NC 811 has been experiencing the spring surge with a 19% increase in volume in April over the previous year. Our CSRs are working hard to keep up with the calls but this year we are struggling with many of the same issues you folks are: manpower, hiring and retention. We are seeing use of the call backs picking up as well as Spanish calls rising month over month.

When a call back is requested, NC 811 utilizes the system to prioritize them in the afternoon or when there is a lull. All call backs are returned, same business day.

Of course, this means that our CSRs are engaged in both receiving and calling back from 2-7PM. This is causing us to see rising hold times and longer average speeds of answer.

**How can you help?** If you are not already using Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) please consider if this is the right option for your company. There are other tools that may be more appropriate such as single address ticket (SAT) as well as update lite and revise. But any method that allows you to self-serve the creation of a ticket is one less ticket our operators are working.

Note - that we continue to see update tickets representing 31% of our total volume.

**How can you help?** Make sure that only tickets for which work is continuing are being updated. Make sure you have all approvals in hand before requesting locates. If work is suspended for any reason on a project, suspend your updates and create a new ticket at the appropriate time.

In other notes, Norfield is currently testing Dig Logix in North Carolina. Our goal is to road test it with a few companies to assure smooth mapping, scheduling, and ticket creation. Stay tuned and we will make an announcement when we are ready to put it into widespread use.

NC 811 is working with stakeholders on a legislative effort to make some needed changes to the statute in 2025. NUCA and the AGC are at the table representing the contractor interests. Again, many thanks to Justus Everett, Betsy Bailey and Bill Stricker for their time and energies in this effort.

For those of you show attended the Joint NC/SC UCC meeting in Charleston I hope you found value in the sessions, the vendors, and the networking!

And finally, my apologies to you all for missing out on the spring conference. Many thanks to Linda and Justus for covering for me! I don't get sick often but when I do it's not a pretty sight. Thankfully, I am back at full speed now and look forward to seeing folks here and there and of course at the fall conference in Asheville!

Stay safe, stay hydrated and keep cool!

**Louis Panzer**  
Executive Director



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To view all meeting locations, visit <https://ncucc.org/county-uccs/>



South Carolina 811 hit the ground running this spring with several major events and initiatives. In March, we were proud to take part in the SC Lineman Rodeo, where over 100 competitors from around the state showcased their skills to family and friends.

April kicked off National Safe Digging Month, which we celebrated by hosting our Safety Summit West event. Our keynote speaker Brad Livingston delivered an impactful safety message to more than 80 attendees. We'll wrap up National Safe Digging Month by attending the 41st Annual Joint SC/NC UCC Conference in Charleston in May.



Although notification volumes were high in January and February, we haven't seen a year-over-year increase for March and April compared to 2023. Nevertheless, we'll be closely tracking these numbers as the year progresses.

The most common dig projects in South Carolina continue to be fiber optic, electric, and sewer work. Greenville, Spartanburg, Richland, Charleston, and Horry counties see the highest volume of these projects.

Mark your calendars for our next Safety Summit on July 25th in Hopkins, SC. Early registration is now open - to register, just visit our website (<https://sc811.com/safety-summit/>). Stay tuned to our website and social media for more details. If interested in sponsoring this event, please visit our sponsorship page (<https://sc811.com/education-outreach/sponsorships/>) or contact [publicawareness@sc811.com](mailto:publicawareness@sc811.com).

*Wishing you a safe and wonderful summer from all of us at South Carolina 811!*

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# S&RM

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello Everyone!

Our Spring Conference was a great success. The weather couldn't have been better. Congratulations to Terrahawk and D.H Griffin on being recognized as the 2024 Safety Award winners for their respective categories. Also, congratulations to Southern Cross and Cinterra on receiving honorable mention recognitions. All four companies had great years with their safety programs. Hopefully we were all able to get a good takeaway from their presentations. Thank you for your participation, and Congratulations!!!

May 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Safety and Risk Management Committee's next meeting. It will be held in Durham at Sunbelt Rentals Trench Safety, 2933 S. Miami Blvd. It is the next progression in our "Work Zone Safety" program. We are very excited to have Ken Thornwell, Jr. speak to us about work zone setup. Ken is a Work Zone Traffic Control Engineer for NCDOT. I'm sure he will have some very useful information we can all use to make our employees safer while they work. Work zone accidents are a serious issue we all face. Please, don't miss out!

Summer is fast approaching and so is our annual Trench Safety Stand Down Week. June 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will have the opportunity to participate and receive recognition from NUCA for keeping your folks in the know, when it comes to excavation safety. What is a safety standdown??

" A Safety Stand Down presents the opportunity for employers to talk directly to employees and others about safety. These Stand Downs will focus on trench & excavation hazards and reinforce the importance of using trench protective systems and protecting workers from trenching hazards." - NUCA

For any questions regarding the TSSD and how your company can be recognized, please see the following link. <https://nuca.com/tssd/>

We will also have special guest Luke Farley, the NUCA endorsed candidate for the NC DOL Commissioner. Luke will speak following our safety program. This joint introduction will be a great opportunity to get to know Luke better, and for him to get to see what the S&RM Committee is all about.

Finally, on behalf of the S&RM Committee, I would like to thank Sunbelt Rentals for hosting this meeting. Sunbelt will also be graciously providing lunch for our group.

Thank you so much, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you all, be safe, keep your crews safe, and we will see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



# Safety & Risk Management Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Sunbelt Rentals Trench Safety

2933 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, N.C.

10:00 a.m.—12:00

## SPEAKER

Kenneth Thornwell, Jr. P.E., PTOE

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May 22–24, 2024



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NUCA members are coming to Washington this spring to construct critical new connections for our industry.

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- **Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:** Three More Years Of Funding Required
- **Workforce Development:** Finding Our New Employees / Immigration and H-2B Visa Reforms
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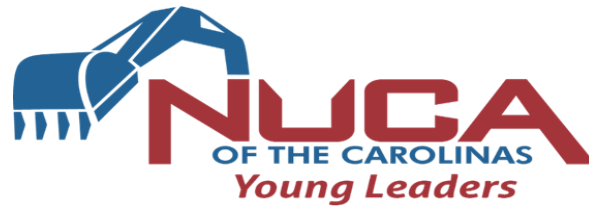
At this year's Summit, meet in-person with your lawmakers. We'll provide fact sheets and information. Your Chapter will arrange the group meetings. And we'll wrap it up with our evening Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill. Lobby Day is Thursday, May 23.

**We need to see you in Washington, D.C. at NUCA's Washington Summit.**

Registration and hotel information:  
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# Association News

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## **2024: NUCA's 60th Anniversary!**

**NUCA turns 60 years old in 2024, and we'll be celebrating throughout the year this important association milestone. We'll be recognizing the association's numerous contributions to the construction industry since our incorporation on April 11, 1964. Since the beginning, our association has been instrumental in promoting the interests of the underground utility and excavation contracting industry before legislators and regulators, and has worked tirelessly to secure more funding for America's aging underground infrastructure. Over the past 60 years NUCA has been the strongest force in improving safety and business conditions throughout the \$152 billion American utility construction industry. We know you'll want to join us throughout this year in celebrating this shared achievement.**

### **Speakers Announced For 2024 Washington Summit: May 22-24**

Washington Summit is our industry's unique event to build personal relationships with key lawmakers and their staff. Our lobbying team has invitations out to NUCA-endorsed House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee chairman Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), committee ranking member Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), EPA's acting administrator for the Office of Water Bruno Pigott, and other Members of Congress.

Congress must be reminded this spring that the billions in water and wastewater resources allocated through the EPA's State Revolving Fund programs are a critical component this nation uses to improve public health, economic strength, job creation--and your company's success. The 2024 Washington Summit will be held May 22-24, 2024, headquartered at the famous Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. Capitol Hill Day is Thursday, May 23, with afternoon lawmaker reception in the House's Rayburn Building. [Registration is now open](#) at [WeDigAmerica.org](http://WeDigAmerica.org)--sign up today to join your NUCA Chapter in D.C.

### **Trench Safety Stand Down Week: June 17-21, 2024**

This June 17-21 is the eighth annual Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) and is generously sponsored this year by NUCA National Partners National Trench Safety, Sunstate Equipment/Trench Safety Rentals, and United Rentals. This is your company's opportunity to talk directly to your employees and others about excavation safety. Companies can conduct a stand-down by taking a break to conduct a toolbox talk or other safety activity to draw attention to the specific hazards related to working in and around trenches/excavations. TSSD is strongly supported by OSHA and the Trenching & Excavation Safety Taskforce (TEST). We hope each NUCA member will participate in our TSSD program and promote June's "Trench Safety Month!". More details can be found at [nuca.com/tssd](http://nuca.com/tssd).

### **NUCA Advantage: Make It Yours Today!**

Your NUCA membership investment can deliver benefits far in excess of the dues cost--but only if you ask your human resources office to explore what it offers. "We worked with Theresa to switch from our previous benefits broker after we heard about Memberfy from NUCA. She went above and beyond to help us find a plan that worked best for us. The application process was simple, and the rollout of benefits to our employees was seamless!" testified Luke Miller of Colorado Pavement Solutions about their helpful NUCA Advantage experience. NUCA Advantage leads to expanded healthcare benefits options for your company, as well as payroll, wellness, compliance, benefits administration, 401K programs, online training, OSHA logs, and a wealth of free HR benefits available only to NUCA members. Find out about our expanded NUCA Advantage benefits program at [www.NUCAAdvantage.com](http://www.NUCAAdvantage.com).

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### **In 2024, Share The Details About Trenchless Tech Efficiency**

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## **Tony Privitera Elected New NUCA Chairman: New NUCA Leadership Installed**

NUCA's Board of Directors formally inducted Anthony (Tony) L. Privitera II as the new NUCA Chairman on March 23 at the Annual Meeting held in Palm Springs, California.

"My top leadership goal as Chairman is to underscore how important your personal relationships in business are to NUCA and our industry," said Privitera in his acceptance speech. Privitera is Executive Vice President of Mark One Electric Co., Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri.

Also elected to the leadership team at the March 23 NUCA Annual Meeting was Kevin Cripps as Vice-Chair, David Howell as Treasurer, and Jason Clark as Secretary. Tom Butler, the former chairman, now becomes Immediate Past Chairman. Butler will continue to serve in 2024 as Government Relations Committee chairman.

The association expanded its executive committee last year and also elected several vice-chairs to its top leadership team. Victor Serrambana (NorthEast Region Vice-Chair), Bob Snyder (MidWest Region Vice-Chair), Gary Silbernagel (West Region Vice-Chair), Kirk Blomgren (SouthEast Region Vice-Chair), Tom Lingvai (Central Region Vice-Chair), and Andy Williams (At-Large) were also elected to the NUCA Executive Committee.

## **State Revolving Funds Restored To FY2023 Levels**

To a heavy sigh of relief, President Biden signed the FY2024 appropriations package restoring billions to the federal programs providing this industry's resources for new water and sewer infrastructure. NUCA's lobbying and grassroots efforts since last summer directed at restoring this funding after House Republican appropriators cut almost \$2 billion ultimately delivered real, tangible results for the American utility construction industry.

"The nation averted almost \$2 billion in cuts to two critical water and wastewater infrastructure programs with the passage of this Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bill," said Doug Carlson, NUCA chief executive officer. "Clean water should never again be a political football tossed between political parties."

In the appropriations package signed into law by President Biden on March 8, EPA's State Revolving Fund programs were funded at FY 2023 levels, with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) receiving \$1.639 billion, and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund receiving **House Passes Permitting Reform Bill**

The U.S. House passed on March 21 the "[Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act](#)" (HR 7023), a package of reforms to the Clean Water Act permitting process. This NUCA-supported bill will "reduce overburdensome regulatory requirements, protect good-faith permit holders from unnecessary delays and frivolous lawsuits, and increase transparency and stakeholder participation in the development of water quality criteria," according to the House infrastructure committee. [NUCA's support](#) was cited by the committee in its promotion of the bill.

The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate for consideration. During the upcoming Washington Summit (May 22-24) we will be asking our members to urge their Senators to support this important bill.

## **Worker Walkaround Rule Goes Into Effect May 31**

USDOL through OSHA published a final rule April 1 to change the way in which an employee representative can be selected to accompany the Compliance Safety and Health Officer during a workplace inspection. The final rule clarifies that the representative (s) authorized by employees may be an employee of the employer or a third party.

NUCA and other trade associations are very critical of this misuse of OSHA's safety authority, with NUCA CEO Doug Carlson stating in our [media release](#), "The flawed new rule does nothing to advance safety on a construction jobsite. This rule forces construction businesses to oblige third parties who do not possess safety expertise to disrupt a jobsite."

NUCA and our CISC construction coalition partners submitted comments earlier arguing against the rule's adoption, citing several concerns with the policy changes when they were first proposed. The rule will go into effect on May 31, with OSHA publishing [its list of FAQs](#) on the day of rule's public release. CISC is exploring litigation to challenge the rule with a focus on the construction industry.



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- Priority Issues



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- Utility Contractors Magazine - Buyer's Guide Edition
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