



## ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**TIM AYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**AUGUST 2022**



### **Director's Comments:**

Summer is quickly winding down, and school for the kids is back in session. Football season is kicking off too, and right now, everyone's favorite teams are still undefeated! AUCA is actively preparing for our October 13th Fall General Meeting and Sporting Clay Shoot in Montgomery. Teams and sponsorships are filling up fast, and our special guest speaker will be Southeastern Conference Football Official Marc Curles. I'm confident our attendees will enjoy hearing his insightful and entertaining presentation. If you have not already registered, please do so as quickly as possible to guarantee your space.

On a more serious note, this month has seen a reminder of the importance of water infrastructure in our neighboring state of Mississippi. Most of the capital city of Jackson has lost running water for an unknown amount of time due to a damaged pump at the city's main water treatment facility. Mississippi's Governor indicated that the city won't be able to produce enough water for serious needs, including fighting fires and flushing toilets, and all Jackson Public Schools will shift to virtual learning due to the water shortage.

Emergency maintenance and repair of Jackson's water system has started, but officials are warning the city's residents to not drink the water because it's raw water from the reservoirs being pushed through the pipes. Let this crisis serve as yet another reminder as to why AUCA spends so many resources advocating on behalf of our industry for increased utility infrastructure funding here in Alabama.

Lastly, I want to express our condolences to the family of Steve Jordan, and the employees at Jordan Excavating, after Steve passed away earlier this month. While not a current member of AUCA, Jordan Excavating has participated in many of our events, and earned a reputation for being one of the best in our industry over their nearly 50 years in business. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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*Tim*

*Upcoming Meetings & Events:*

***AUCA Board of Directors Meeting***  
**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

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September 13-15, 2022  
Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach

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***AUCA 2022 Fall General Meeting  
& Sporting Clay Shoot***  
**Thursday, October 13, 2022**  
**Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club**  
**Montgomery, AL**



***AUCA 2023 Spring General Meeting,  
Golf Tournament and Shrimp & Crawfish Boil***  
**Thursday, April 20, 2023**  
**Arrowhead Country Club**  
**Montgomery, AL**

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***AUCA Industry Lunch Meetings***  
**Dates and Locations To Be Announced**





## AUCA 2022 Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

**Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club  
4758 Lower Wetumpka Road Montgomery, AL 36110**

**Morning Sporting Clay Shoot - 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start**  
**General Meeting & Steak Lunch - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Door Prizes & Raffle Drawing - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Afternoon Sporting Clay Shoot - 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start**



### General Meeting & Steak Lunch

**Guest Speaker: SEC Football Official - Marc Curles**  
*(Lunch Included with Clay Shoot Registration or Sponsorship)*

Come network with your peers, win great door prizes, and enjoy a delicious steak lunch while listening to our special guest speaker. We will also vote on the 2023 AUCA Officers and Board of Directors, and present the AUCA "Member of the Year" Awards.

### Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

*(Participants must provide their own Gun and Shells)*  
Complete attached Registration Form and return ASAP.  
Corporate Sponsorship opportunities available.  
Sign up now before the event sells out!



### AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle

This year we are again raffling two great prizes that anyone can use:

**Prize #1: \$1,000 Cash**

**Prize #2: \$500 Cash**

Tickets are \$10 each and allow two (2) chances to win.  
*(You do not have to be present to win)*



All money raised from the raffle will go towards the AUCA PAC Fund to help support our continued Legislative efforts in Montgomery and Washington.



OCTOBER 13, 2022 - EVENT REGISTRATION FORM



To register, please complete this form and return to the AUCA office by fax or email. A copy of the registration form should also be submitted with payment.

Registration Deadline is October 7, 2022

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT TEAM & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- GOLD TEAM SPONSOR - \$1,000 Includes: 4-man team, cart, lunch, company logo on AUCA website w/ link to sponsor's website, event signage, promotional materials, & four (4) station sponsorship
SILVER TEAM SPONSOR - \$750 Includes: 4-man team, cart, lunch, name recognition on AUCA website, event signage, promotional materials, & one (1) station sponsorship
4-PERSON TEAM - \$600 Includes: 4-man team, cart, lunch
BRONZE EVENT SPONSOR - \$250 Includes: Admission for two (2) company representatives to attend General Meeting Lunch, name recognition on AUCA website, event signage, one (1) station sponsorship, and may provide trappers on course to network with shooters and hand out company prizes or give-a-ways

TEAM MEMBERS:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_ 3.) \_\_\_\_\_
2.) \_\_\_\_\_ 4.) \_\_\_\_\_

MORNING SHOOT: \_\_\_\_\_ AFTERNOON SHOOT: \_\_\_\_\_

CART NEEDED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4-person golf carts provided for all teams (you may also bring your own cart/ATV)

You must provide your own shells (Factory shells only - #7-1/2 or higher shot load)

Safety rules must be followed; signed waiver required; ear plugs and eye protection required

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT TEAM PRIZES

1st Place Team: \$400 + Trophies 2nd Place Team: \$300 + Trophies 3rd Place Team: \$200 + Trophies

GENERAL MEETING LUNCH (INCLUDED w/ TEAM REGISTRATION or SPONSORSHIP)

General Meeting Lunch: \$20/Non-Shooter x Quantity ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT REQUESTED BEFORE OR ON DAY OF EVENT! Return form and payment to:

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Birmingham, Alabama 35238-3185

Phone: (205) 582-9436

Fax: (205) 582-9155

Email: tim@aluca.org



To pay by credit card, please contact the AUCA office at (205) 582-9436.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

***AUCA Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot***

**Currently Registered Event Sponsors:**

*(Additional sponsorship opportunities available - deadline is October 7th)*

**Gold Sponsors (to Date):**



**Silver Sponsors (to Date):**

- Schmidt Environmental Construction, Inc.**
- Miller Pipeline**
- Lambert, Inc.**
- Russo Corporation**
- Hubbell Power Systems, Inc.**

**Bronze Sponsor (to Date):**

- Elevation Development & Construction, LLC**



## News & Notes:

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- \$1,000 Cash - Prize #1
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Tickets will be \$10 each, and will allow the purchaser two (2) chances to win. The drawing will be held at our October 13th Fall General Meeting / Sporting Clay Shoot in Montgomery. You do not have to be present at the event to win.

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### **Construction Suicide Prevention Week — September 5-9, 2022:**

It is important to recognize that work-related stress can have a severe impact on mental health and, without proper support, can lead to suicide.

Worker suicides are particularly concerning for the construction industry. The suicide rate for construction workers is four times higher than in the general population, largely due to work-related stresses such as seasonal work, demanding schedules and workplace injuries.

September 5-9 is Construction Suicide Prevention Week when events will be held nationwide to raise awareness about the unique challenges construction workers face and what we can do to help safeguard their mental health and lives. Additional information and resources can found at the following link: <https://constructionsuicideprevention.com/>.

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### **AUCA 2023 Board of Directors Nominations:**

AUCA is soliciting the membership for candidates to serve on the 2023 AUCA Board of Directors. If you have someone in mind that you think would be an asset on the AUCA Board, please email us by August 31st to recommend them to the AUCA Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving yourself, please feel free to list your name as well.

Nomination Forms are available in this Newsletter, and will also be sent out electronically to all member companies. The Nominating Committee will review the nomination forms of those desiring to serve on the 2023 Board at the September 7th AUCA Board Meeting. The proposed slate of nominees will be announced to the membership and the candidates will be voted on by the members in attendance at the October 13th Fall General Meeting in Montgomery.





## 2023 AUCA Board of Directors Nomination Form

The AUCA Nominating Committee is seeking interested AUCA members for consideration to serve on the 2023 AUCA Board of Directors. Please complete the form and return to the AUCA office no later than August 31, 2022 to indicate your willingness to serve on the AUCA Board, or to nominate an individual member you know who would like to serve.

The Nominating Committee will review the nomination forms of any member desiring to serve on the 2023 Board at the September 7, 2022 AUCA Board of Directors Meeting. The proposed slate of nominees will be announced to the full membership 30 days prior to the October 13, 2022 AUCA Fall General Meeting.

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### NOMINATION FORM – I (we) would like to nominate the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Company

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Company

Please email form to [tim@aluca.org](mailto:tim@aluca.org) or fax to 205-582-9155 by August 31, 2022

## News & Notes:

### **OSHA Responds to "Alarming" Increase in Trench Deaths:**

In 2022's first six months, 22 workers have fallen victim to the deadly hazards present in trenching and excavation work – surpassing 15 in all of 2021 – and prompting the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration to launch enhanced enforcement initiatives to protect workers from known industry hazards.

To stress the dangers of disregarding federal workplace safety requirements for trenching and excavation work, OSHA enforcement staff will consider every available tool at the agency's disposal. These actions will place additional emphasis on how agency officials evaluate penalties for trenching and excavation related incidents, including criminal referrals for federal or state prosecution to hold employers and others accountable when their actions or inactions kill workers or put their lives at risk.

In keeping with its National Emphasis Program for excavations, OSHA compliance officers will perform more than 1,000 trench inspections nationwide where they may stop by, and inspect, any excavation site during their daily duties.

"The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is calling on all employers engaged in trenching and excavation activities to act immediately to ensure that required protections are fully in place every single time their employees step down into or work near a trench," said Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Doug Parker. "In a matter of seconds, workers can be crushed and buried under thousands of pounds of soil and rocks in an unsafe trench. The alarming increase in the number of workers needlessly dying and suffering serious injuries in trenching incidents must be stopped."

"Every one of these tragedies could have been prevented had employers complied with OSHA standards," Parker continued. "There simply is no excuse for ignoring safety requirements to prevent trench collapses and cave-ins, and leaving families, friends and co-workers to grieve when the solutions are so well-understood."

A recent incident in central Texas highlights the dangers of trenching and an impetus for OSHA's action. On June 28, 2022, two workers, aged 20 and 39, suffered fatal injuries in Jarrell, Texas, when the unprotected trench more than 20 feet deep collapsed upon them as they worked. Trench shields, which could have saved their lives, sat unused beside the excavation.

Trenching and excavation operations require protective systems and inspections before workers can enter. When employers fail to install trench protection systems or properly inspect the trench, workers are exposed to serious hazards, including risk of being buried under thousands of pounds of soil. By some estimates, a cubic yard of soil can weigh as much as 3,000 pounds, equal to that of a compact car.

States that operate their own Occupational Safety and Health plan have similar emphasis programs in place, and OSHA also encourages those states to consider additional measures, including criminal



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referrals for federal or state prosecution for trenching-related incidents.

Trenching standards require protective systems on trenches deeper than 5 feet and soil and other materials kept at least 2 feet from the edge of a trench. Additionally, trenches must be inspected by a knowledgeable person, be free of standing water and atmospheric hazards and have a safe means of entering and exiting prior to allowing a worker to enter.

"OSHA stands ready to assist any employer who needs help to comply with our trenching and excavation requirements," Parker added. "We will conduct outreach programs, including safety summits, in all of our 10 regions to help ensure any employer who wants assistance gets it. The stakes are too important."

OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program, a free and confidential health and safety consulting program for small- and medium-sized businesses, will assist employers in developing strategic approaches for addressing trench-related illnesses and injuries in workplaces.

The agency also urges workers to contact their local OSHA or state plan office, or call 800-321-OSHA, if their employer requires working in or beside trenches that are not sloped, shored, or shielded and are five or more feet in depth.

OSHA's trenching and excavation webpage provides additional information on trenching hazards and solutions, including a [safety video](#).

**PROTECT WORKERS  
IN TRENCHES**

Prevent trench collapses and save lives:

- SLOPE** or bench trench walls,
- SHORE** trench walls with supports, or
- SHIELD** trench walls with trench boxes

OSHA  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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## *Clean Water Construction Coalition Report*

From Dan Kennedy - Chairman CWCC & Sante Esposito - Key Advocates

### **August 2022 Insights**

#### **FY23 Appropriation Bills**

Following up on last month's report that focused on House Appropriations Committee action in late June, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its FY 23 Interior Appropriations Bill and FY 23 Energy and Water Appropriations Bills. As a reminder, as per CWCC's stated goals, these appropriate amounts are in addition to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding amounts. The funding amounts for the programs of greatest interest to CWCC members are slightly different in the House and Senate versions but in the ballpark of what we were expecting.

In addition, on July 28th the Senate released its FY 23 "Transportation" Appropriations Bill after the House took a similar action in late June.

#### **Senate Proposed Re-Branded "Build Back Better" Bill**

On July 27, Senators Schumer and Manchin struck a deal on the Senate's version of the "Build Back Better" bill, now the "Inflation Reduction Act of 2022." As Democrats get ready to defend the "Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" (aka the reconciliation bill), it is being parsed by the Senate parliamentarian before a floor vote. Any provision that doesn't meet the stringent rules of what's allowed within the scope of the reconciliation process will be flagged so some changes are to be expected. As summarized in the attached report, as it pertains to CWCC priorities, the agreement would invest \$369 billion into energy and climate change programs, with the goal of reducing carbon emissions by 40% by 2030. It would also address a variety of social programs. To pay for the agreement, the bill would impose a 15% minimum tax on corporations, which would raise \$313 billion over a decade, which is different than the current House version in several critical ways.

What the deal means for the inclusion of other legislative items or a second round in September is unclear.

#### **H.R. 5118, the "Wildlife Response and Drought Resiliency Act**

Critical to our "western" CWCC Members, on July 29 the House, by a vote of 218 to 199, passed the above bill which includes funding authorizations for items included in H.R. 1015, 3404 and 4099. The bill authorizes \$600M (this is in addition to the \$550M appropriated in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) for Title XVI with no breakdown between the traditional Title XVI program and WIIN grants, with no fiscal year limitation, with an increase in the Federal share from \$20M to \$50M, and with project priority funding. The bill also authorizes \$700M (again, this is in addition to the \$450M appropriated in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) for large water recycling projects with total estimated cost of at least \$500M. The bill draws from the following which the Coalition has supported and advocated for enactment:

H.R. 1015 authorizes \$500M for WIIN Act grants, eliminates the requirement that Congress must approve funding awards for specific projects by designating them in an enacted appropriations bill

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and increases the Federal share from \$20M to \$30M.

H.R 3404 authorizes \$500M for the WIIN Act grant program, increases the Federal share to \$30M, and authorizes a new \$300M water trust fund with \$100M earmarked for recycled water projects.

H.R. 4099 authorizes \$450M for large water recycling projects with total estimated cost of at least \$500M with the Federal share at \$20M.

### **FY23 "Water" Appropriations**

On June 20, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY23 Interior Appropriations Bill that provides \$1.752B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.126B for the Safe Drinking Water SRF and \$72M for WIFIA.

On July 28, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its FY23 Interior Appropriations Bill that provides \$1.689B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.176B for the Safe Drinking Water SRF and \$66.9M for WIFIA.

On June 21, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY23 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill that includes \$63.7M for Title XVI (no breakdown between the traditional Title XVI program and WIIN grants) and \$75M for WaterSMART grants.

On July 28, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its FY23 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill that includes \$35M for the traditional Title XVI program, \$20M for WIIN grants and \$55M for Water SMART grants.

All the above appropriated amounts are in addition to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding amounts.

Given where we are in the legislative cycle with the August recess and September out-of-session days, a continuing resolution seems very likely.

### **FY23 "Transportation" Appropriations**

On June 22, the House Appropriations Committee released its FY23 Transportation Appropriations Bill that includes:

- \$775M for national infrastructure investments (RAISE/TIGER/BUILD), including \$30M for grants to assist areas of persistent poverty and \$100M for the Thriving Communities program;
- Research and technology funding to create more equitable access to transportation systems, combat climate change, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- \$18.7B for the FAA, including \$1.6B for aviation safety and \$273M for airport improvement grants and projects;



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- \$61.3B for the FHWA formula programs including \$1.8B for discretionary highway programs and projects;
- \$874M for FMCSA and \$1.2B for NHTSA to make cars, trucks and roads safer;
- \$3.8B for FRA including \$555M for the Intercity Passenger Rail grant program, \$630M for the CRISI grants program, and \$2.3B for Amtrak, including \$882M for the Northeast Corridor and \$1.5B for National Network grants;
- \$17.5B for the FTA, including \$13.6B for buses, \$3B for capital investment grants, and \$646M for transit infrastructure grants; and,
- \$987M for MARAD.

On July 28, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its FY23 Transportation Appropriations Bill that includes:

- \$1B for the RAISE grant program, \$3.2B for the Federal Highway Administration to support additional funding for PROTECT grants for resiliency projects, tribal high priority projects, bridge formula funding, and development of the Appalachian Development Highway System;
- \$2.6B for Amtrak;
- \$200M for the Federal-State Partnership for State-of-Good-Repair (SOGR) to fund the replacement, rehabilitation, or repair of major infrastructure assets providing intercity passenger rail service;
- \$535M for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) program;
- \$2.51B for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants program;
- \$527M for Transit Infrastructure Grants to advance investments into Bus and Buses Facilities, the Low or No Emissions Vehicle Program, Areas of Persistent Poverty, ferry programs, and research to accelerate zero emission technology; and
- \$234M for the Port Infrastructure Development program.

### **Senate Proposed "Build Back Better" Bill**

On July 27, Senators Schumer and Manchin struck a deal on the Senate's version of the "Build Back Better" bill, now the "Inflation Reduction Act of 2022."

Apparently the Schumer-Manchin agreement would invest \$369 billion into energy and climate change programs, with the goal of reducing carbon emissions by 40% by 2030. Medicare would be empowered to negotiate the prices of certain medications, and it would cap out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 for those enrolled in Medicare drug plans. The Health and Human Services Secretary would negotiate the prices of 10 drugs in 2026, and another 15 drugs in 2027 and again in 2028. The number would rise to 20 drugs a year for 2029 and beyond. It would also redesign Medicare's Part D drug plans so that seniors and people with disabilities wouldn't pay more than \$2,000 a year for medication bought at the pharmacy. And, the deal would require drug companies to pay rebates if they increase their prices in the Medicare and private-insurance markets faster than inflation. The agreement would also extend expiring enhanced subsidies for Affordable Care Act coverage for three years. Tax credits for electric vehicles are in. Electric Vehicle tax credits will continue at their



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current levels, up to \$4,000 for a used electric vehicle and \$7,500 for a new EV. However, there will be a lower income threshold for people who can use the tax credits.

To pay for the agreement, the bill would impose a 15% minimum tax on corporations, which would raise \$313 billion over a decade. The House version of the "Build Back Better" package would have levied the tax on the corporate profits that large companies report to shareholders, not to the Internal Revenue Service. It would have applied to companies with more than \$1 billion in profits and yielded a similar revenue-raising figure. The current deal also aims to close the carried interest loophole, which allows investment managers to treat their compensation as capital gains and pay a 20% long-term capital gains tax rate instead of income tax rates of up to 37%. Eliminating this loophole, which would raise \$14 billion over a decade, has been a longtime goal of Democrats. The package also calls for providing more funding to the IRS for tax enforcement, which would raise \$124 billion. Families making less than \$400,000 per year would not be affected and there would be no new taxes on small businesses.

What the deal means for the inclusion of other legislative items or a second round in September is unclear. For the Coalition that means the issues of interest in both the House-passed bill and the Senate Environment and Public Works draft.

Included in the House-passed bill are the following -

- \$30B for Safe Drinking Water SRF lead service line replacement projects;
- \$100M for state public water systems;
- \$700M to reduce lead in school drinking water;
- \$100M for large scale water recycling projects;
- \$1.15B for emergency drought relief;
- \$125M for Alternative Water Source Program grants;
- \$2B for sewer overflow and storm water reuse grants.
- \$4B for reduction of carbon in the surface transportation sector;
- \$4B for affordable and safe transportation access;
- \$6B for local surface transportation projects; and,
- \$2B for sewer overflow and storm water reuse grants.

No funding for the Clean Water SRF is included in the House BBB. It does include new taxes.

Unofficially last December the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released its BBB title which includes \$9B for SDWSRF-funded lead remediation projects, \$225M for rural and low-income water assistance grants, \$125M for Alternative Water Source Program grants, and \$500M for sewer overflow and storm water reuse municipal grant

## Health & Safety:

### Reflective Safety Gear

Your reflective and fluorescent safety gear is some of the most valuable safety gear available today. Why? When working on a construction jobsite or roadway work zone, motorists can readily notice you. Reflective and fluorescent safety gear help motorists and equipment operators see you out of their peripheral (side) vision. Remember that as coveralls, jeans & shirts wear and get dirty they become "camouflage" on the jobsite, blending in with dirt work & excavations.

## WORKSAFE TIPS

### REFLECTIVE SAFETY GEAR

- Signaling by flaggers and the use of flaggers, including warning garments worn by flaggers shall conform to Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ["MUTCD"]
- OSHA says flagmen shall be provided with and shall wear a red or orange warning garment while flagging. Warning garments worn at night shall be of reflective material.
- OSHA says that, for daytime work, the flagger's vest, shirt, or jacket shall be orange, yellow, strong yellow green or fluorescent versions of these colors.
- For nighttime work, similar outside garments shall be retro reflective.
- The retro reflective material shall be orange, yellow, white, silver, strong yellow-green, or a fluorescent version of one of these colors and shall be visible at a minimum distance of 1,000 feet.
- Wear reflective gear whenever there is an exposure to struck-by hazards like moving equipment and moving traffic.
- Federal Highway Administration will require Class 2 and 3 performance vests whenever work is being done on federal aid highways.
- High visibility clothing does perform a very important function by making workers more visible to vehicle drivers and equipment operators.
- When reflective garments are worn in dirty or oily environments, they will need to be laundered or replaced.

REFLECTIVE & FLUORESCENT GEAR HELPS DRAW ATTENTION TO YOU.



EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, OTHER DRIVERS & WORKERS CAN SEE YOU BETTER DURING DAWN, DUSK AND NIGHT TIME HOURS.

- Whenever laundered or soiled heavily, they lose their reflective strength. Replace whenever the vest looks old or faded.
- Don't wear the reflective vest, or keep it tied up tight, if there is a chance it can be caught in a PTO shaft or moving parts of a machine.
- Even drivers and equipment operators that are paying attention frequently find it difficult to see workers on foot or working along the roadway.
- A lot of work is being done at night, when light levels are low, at dawn, dusk and during rainy or snowy weather.
- Visibility problems are the cause for many of the deaths and injuries that happen when workers get hit by vehicles or mobile equipment.
- Reflective and fluorescent apparel serves as a first line of defense that protects workers against being hit by a vehicle or piece of equipment operated by someone who can't see them during the day or at night.



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