

# Your Voice, Our Voice, the NUCA Voice

## A Message from NUCA President Terry Dillon



As the year 2008 unfolds, my term as President of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) is about "voice." Your voice. Our voice. **The NUCA voice.** It is time for us to stand up and begin to take control of the direction in which our work environment is going.

The spreading chaos leads to greater risks as we attempt to meet our obligations and complete the work. Poor construction drawings, existing subsurface utility issues, ambiguous specifications, misinterpretation of general conditions, unfriendly owners and increased litigation are only a few of the contributing factors. Changing laws and regulations affecting our industry—such as new OSHA proposed rules, the lack of sufficient clean water and wastewater funding, 3% withholding on federal contracts, the death tax—only further confuse the situation.

So where and how can you lend a hand and voice? What can you do to help us fix the industry we work in and rely on for our living? ***You can join NUCA!***

Legislative and regulatory issues can be handled not only by our lobbyists and safety staff who meet regularly with federal lawmakers and regulators, but also by NUCA members involved at the local level and even on the federal level during. Other important fields of action are the various NUCA committees, which do most of the association's work on behalf of the members. I ask for your involvement.

Having a clear understanding of what is going on and getting involved is more important today than it ever has been. I need your help, your industry needs your help, and you owe it to yourself and your business to be one of our voices. Sitting on the sidelines just won't cut it anymore. There are too few of us fighting this battle. The time to "army up" is now.

**Let your voice be heard. Join NUCA.**



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