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Sunshine 811 News

Sunshine 811 Legislation Moves to Bill Drafting

In August 2011, the Sunshine 811 Board of Directors developed a goal to have proposed legislation for the 2014 Florida Legislative Session. This goal's purpose was to address enforcement to meet the standards set by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

After two years of hashing and re-hashing through the language, six sections were revised and accepted by the Board at a special meeting on August 15, 2013 with the caveat that some tweaking may be made before bill final drafting. Mike Moore, Sunshine 811 Lobbyist, immediately secured two sponsors for the newly-accepted bill: Representative David Santiago and Senator Garrett Richter.

For more updates on the bill, watch Hot Topics on Sunshine 811's [**home page**](#), or follow them on [**Twitter**](#) or [**LinkedIn**](#).

Proposed changes to the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes:

- **556.102 v5.6**
- **556.105 v5.6**
- **556.107 v5.6**
- **556.108 v5.6**
- **556.114 v5.6**
- **556.116 v5.6**

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Scheduled Maintenance Days

- October 12, 2013
- November 16, 2013
- December 14, 2013
- January 18, 2014
- February 15, 2014
- March 15, 2014
- April 12, 2014
- May 17, 2014
- June 14, 2014

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The Department of Financial Services has recently modified the Division of Workers' Compensation website. The new website, though similar to the old, has been modernized and updated for easier access to the most used areas. As always, your feedback to how we can make the website easier to use is always welcome. The new website address is <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/wc/>.

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Remember, there is reciprocity between the State Fire Marshal's office and Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). Therefore, continuing education hours secured for your Contractor V license will apply to your underground utility and excavation contractor's license with the CILB and vice versa.

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Irrigation Specialty Contractors

The Construction Industry Licensing Board has developed a new specialty license for the installation, repair, maintenance, and design of irrigation systems. The scope of work permitted to be performed by a certified irrigation specialty contractor can be found in **Rule 61G4-15.035, Florida Administrative Code**.

Previously, most contractors providing such services were required to obtain an appropriate local competency card in irrigation contracting or obtain a full state certified plumbing contractor's license. Most contractors who specialized in the construction of irrigation systems lacked the substantive experience required for a full plumbing contractor's license. In

addition, locally licensed contractors working in multiple jurisdictions were required to maintain certificates of competency in each separate jurisdiction.

Certified irrigation specialty applicants may use their experience in irrigation system construction to qualify for licensure but are required to pass the state certified irrigation specialty contractors' examination. The first state irrigation specialty examination was administered April 16 and 17, 2013. For more information on scheduling to take the state examination, please visit the Department's **Bureau of Education and Testing** website or call (850) 488-5952.

Please see our **Irrigation Contractor FAQs** for more information.

Limitation of Liability for Design Professionals

Senate Bill 286 (2013) was approved by Governor Rick Scott on April 24, 2013. This bill specifies conditions under which design professionals who are employed by a business entity or acts as an agent of a business entity may not be held individually liable for damages resulting from negligence occurring within the course and scope of a professional services. A design professional is defined as a licensed architect, interior designer, landscape architect, engineer, surveyor or geologist. The bill became effective on July 1, 2013.

Please see the full language of **Senate Bill 286** for additional information.

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by Greg Mudd, P.G.*

One important aspect of any underground utility project in Florida that involves dewatering is the permitting process. Although the State regulatory agencies have made significant strides in streamlining and simplifying the permitting process, permitting and dewatering in general offer many challenges, and contractors can benefit by consulting with an experienced professional to assist with the permitting process, as well as dewatering planning in general.



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Contractors should consider the potential for two types of permits for any dewatering project, a water use permit and a water quality permit. Water use permits are administered by the State's five water management districts. Dewatering activities are regulated by the quantity of water withdrawn, duration of the activity and method by which the withdrawn water is disposed. The state allows a dewatering activity may withdraw any quantity of groundwater or surface water for any duration of time without a consumptive use permit provided the water is recharged on the construction



site by infiltration. This is typically done by discharging the dewatering effluent into an on-site surface water impoundment. For projects that consider off site effluent discharge, an Individual Permit of Standard General Permit is required for dewatering activities that exceed any one of the following thresholds:

- 6 million gallons per day for the first 120 hours; or
- 2 million gallons per day for 60 days; or
- 1 million gallons per day for 180 days; or
- 180 days duration.

All other dewatering activities are covered under a Noticed General Permit for Short Term Construction Dewatering. Any entity can receive coverage under this permit provided the permit conditions are followed.

Water quality permits are administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The FDEP is concerned with protecting ground water and surface water quality. Any contractor that intends to discharge dewatering effluent off site to a State surface water body is required to request coverage under a Generic Permit for the Discharge of Produced Ground Water from any Noncontaminated Site Activity,

and must take measures to ensure that the dewatering effluent meets the State's surface water quality standards. Although not necessarily required, this can be accomplished by collecting ground water samples well in advance of initiation of dewatering activities, and screening ground water samples from the dewatering area for the compounds listed in the generic permit rule (Chapter 62-621.300, FAC). If the values are exceeded then in most cases the FDEP will allow for the implementation of certain approved physical measures to be implemented during dewatering to improve ground water quality prior to discharge to the surface water. For example, it may be permissible to channel the effluent over a bed of crushed limestone to increase the pH before it is released to the surface water. Additional measures may be required before direct discharges to water bodies that are classified as Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW) are allowed.

Another important issue to consider with protecting water quality is the potential of drawing an existing plume of petroleum contaminated ground water from a neighboring site. These plumes are relatively common, especially in industrial or densely populated areas. Where there is potential for one of these petroleum contamination sites to impact the project then the FDEP will issue a Generic Permit for Discharges from Petroleum Contaminated Sites. This type of permit requires the treatment

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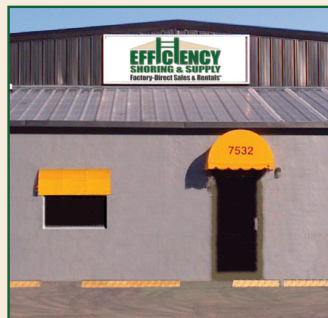


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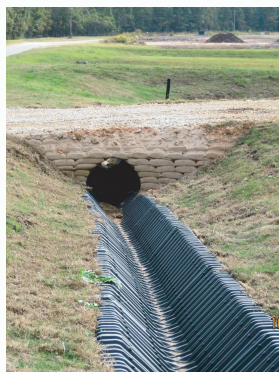
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President's Message



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on how the government is going to fix everything, create jobs, cut spending, develop new green technologies, have well paid illegal immigrants serve us blackened grouper on high speed trains, powered by solar shingles or we need tax reform, social security and Medicare reform. Either way between the lines, it's all about big government and regulations to control our lives and business. So, one thing is clear, now more than ever we need to unite and speak out against all the new regulations that



will stifle our industry and take away from our families.

My wife asked me what the hell I was thinking when I volunteered for

a two year term as President of the association. I did because I know it's because you get out what you put into this organization.

Our business has remained successful throughout this downturn because we have traveled all over the state of Florida to build projects. However, more and more local governments are enacting local

preference regulations limiting competition and free market. Our business could not stop all these local governments on our own. As an active member of UUCF, we can make a difference in Tallahassee and facilitate legislation to defeat it.

We are fortunate to have several other industry leaders among us stepping up again this year to help advise and give back to our industry. I am looking forward to working with Kim Bryan, Paula Lieser, Chris Stewart, Bill Lee, Tim Carmichael, Larry Falls, Jon and Mike Woodall, Mark Sweet and Bruce Wendorf to accomplish our goals this year.

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Membership, Membership, Membership is our first goal and with Bruce Wendorf continuing his charge to reunite all the chapters of Florida under UUCF, we will all benefit from the immediate growth and injection of energy, ideas, input and involvement.

Legislative issues are always on the forefront of the association, and we are well equipped and informed by Bruce Kershner. Local preference, Sunshine One Call, CILB and elections and are just some of the issues we will be tackling this year.

Our association has been very passionate about local government's self performing our work, and we

have made some headway to tighten up on them and have more to go. This reminds me of a joke I heard recently:

There were two guys working for the city. One would dig a ditch – he would dig, dig, dig. The other would come behind him and fill the ditch – fill, fill, fill. These two men worked furiously; one digging the ditch, the other filling it up again. A man was watching from the sidewalk and couldn't believe how hard these men were working, but couldn't understand what they were doing. Finally he had to ask them. He said to the ditch digger, "I appreciate how hard you work, but what are you doing? You dig a ditch and your partner comes behind you and fills it up again!" The ditch digger replied, "Oh yeah, must look funny, but the

guy who lays pipe is sick today."

Education, training, bettering your business and safety forums will be targeted and appropriate to our needs as Chris Stewart and Kathy Blackman develop our 2014 Annual Conference agenda as co-chairs. I am looking forward to another great conference this year.

Of course, there will be golf, fishing, fellowship and a few beers along the way. So, thank you for the honor of being your President this year. I will do my best to be a good steward of our association and your trust.

Sincerely,

*Lauren C. Atwell
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- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class dates and times for future sessions:

October 24, 2013

Jacksonville
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
City of Jacksonville Building
Department
214 North Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

October 29, 2013

Fort Myers
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
State of Florida Office Building
295 Victoria Avenue, Room 165A
Fort Myers, FL 33901

November 6, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

November 7, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

November 7, 2013

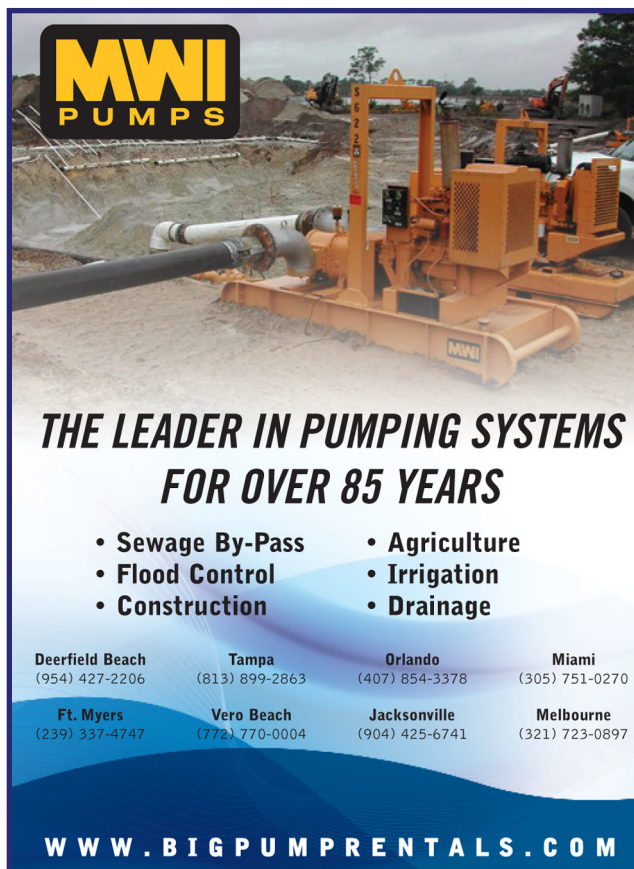
Tampa
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
State Office Building
1313 North Tampa Street,
Suite 605
Tampa, FL 33603

November 14, 2013

Ocala
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
1644 New 22nd Avenue, Building E
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November 15, 2013

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Division of Workers' Compensation
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December 4, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

December 5, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

December 17, 2013

Orlando
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
State Office Building
Hurston Complex, 400 West
Robinson Street,
South Tower, Conference Room
N-101
Orlando, FL 32801

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Calendar of Events

UUCF 2013

Nov. 1 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

2014

July 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando

July 17-20 Annual Conference,
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando

NUCA of North Florida

Oct. 8 Executive Committee Meeting

Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament

Nov. 5 Executive Committee Meeting

Nov. 21 Election of Officers

Dec. 10 Executive Committee Meeting

Dec. (TBA) Holiday Party

NUCA of Northwest Florida 2013

Oct. 12 Equipment Rodeo, Equestrian Center

2014

Feb. (TBA) Annual Meeting, Museum of Commerce

NUCA of Southwest Florida

Oct. 17 Board of Directors/General Membership
Meetings

Nov. 21 Board of Director's Meeting

Dec. 7 Holiday Party & Installation of Officers

National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Oct. 2-4 Fall Board of Directors and Leadership
Meeting, El Conquistador in Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

Sunshine 811 Meetings

Oct. 18 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call

Nov. 14-15 Committee & Board of Director's
Meetings, Call Center, DeBary

Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings

Oct. 9-11 The Florida Hotel & Conference Center,
Orlando

Nov. 13-15 Embassy Suites – Fort Lauderdale,
Fort Lauderdale

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December 19, 2013

Tallahassee

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Hartman Building

2012 Capital Circle S.E., Room 102

Tallahassee, FL 32399

December 4, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

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January 15, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

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WEB Based class

January 16, 2014

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February 5, 2014

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Workers' Compensation

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February 6, 2014

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March 5, 2014

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Workers' Compensation

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March 6, 2014

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Workplace Safety

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education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 – one hour satisfies the workers' compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 – one hour satisfies the workplace safety requirement.

The form is available on the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/WC. For additional information, e-mail bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com, or call (813) 221-6518.

(Associate Member of the Month: HSA Engineers & Scientists

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of the dewatering effluent (prior to discharge) to ensure that the contaminants are adequately removed. Periodic screening of the treated effluent throughout the dewatering duration is required to ensure that the treatment process is effective. In some cases, interference from nearby contaminant plumes can be avoided by using certain creative hydraulic techniques, but the FDEP should always be consulted prior to implementing such measures. If contaminant plumes other than petroleum are a potential concern then an individual permit is required.

Dewatering requires careful planning and coordination with the regulatory agencies to ensure that the project does not negatively impact Florida's valuable resources. Failure to do so can result in unnecessary delays or penalties to your project. Consider consulting with an experienced ground water professional early in the planning process to assist in the development of a dewatering plan, and to help negotiate the potential challenges associated with water use and the water quality permitting process. Doing so could make your project "flow" more readily.

Greg Mudd is a Florida-licensed professional geologist that has been dealing with ground water-related projects, including dewatering projects, in Florida for over 20 years. Mr. Mudd is employed with HSA Engineers & Scientists, a Conestoga Rovers & Associates, Inc. company.

Sunshine 811 2013 Holiday Calendar

Thanksgiving Day11/28/13
Day after Thanksgiving Day11/29/13
Christmas Eve12/24/13
Christmas Day12/25/13

2014 Holiday Calendar

New Year's Day01/01/14

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September 24 October 29
December 3

2015 FDOT Letting Date

January 28 February 25
March 25 April 29
May 20 June 17





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

We had a great turnout for our Sporting Clay Challenge held on September 12 at WW Sporting Clays. Jacksonville City Council President Bill Gulliford came out to address our group. A delicious lunch of brisket, turkey and sides was prepared by Grill Billy's. NUCA of North Florida President Mike Woodall thanked everyone for coming out for this event. After a safety briefing, teams headed out to the stations. After the shoot, scores were calculated and awards presented. A door prize drawing was also held. We thank our Clay Committee Chairman John Kirkland and his committee, Billy Hood, Drew Lane, Rob Pinkston, Ed Porter, Chris Ocampo and Tripp Brown.

We appreciate the support of

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to our winners: **First Place Team:** Rose Services – Score 352. **Second Place Team:** Cecil W. Powell & Co – Score 286. **Third Place Team:** Ferguson Waterworks – Score 286. **Top Shooter:** Mark Fabian – Score 99.

We have our fall raffle currently being held. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Prizes are \$350 cash, Holiday Cheer Liquor Basket (Value \$100) and \$50 in Lottery Tickets. Tickets will be sold at all upcoming events, and the drawing will be held at the Holiday Party. Tickets can be purchased from any board member or by mailing a check to NUCA of North Florida office.

We will be holding a membership

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drive on October 23 and October 24. New members joining at this point in the year will receive membership for the rest of 2013 free with the payment of 2014 dues. Any members who join during this two-day drive will receive a special package of membership incentives.

Our Annual Fishing Tournament will be held on October 12 at a new location, Dames Point Marina. Also new this year is an Off-shore category. Anglers are \$75 each and includes meal, beverages, T-shirt, hat and door prizes. Sponsorship levels begin at \$125 and continue to \$1,500. This is a great event to bring your customers, business associates, employees, family and friends. Contact the NUCA of North Florida office for registration and sponsorship information.

Nomination Committee is now accepting applications for the 2014 Board of Directors. You can obtain an application by calling the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230. Deadline to submit your application is Friday, October 11.

The board meets every other month usually on the third Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Additional special meetings may be called if necessary. NUCA of North Florida has a number of committees. Board members, once elected, are expected to be active members of at least two committees. All members of the Board of Directors are encouraged to promote the NUCA of North Florida (NUCANF), our state association, Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF), and our national association, NUCA. Recruitment of new members is essential to ensure the growth of this association.

Board of Directors will take place at our November 15 General Meeting. All contractor and associate members are encouraged to attend and vote for the slate of officers. Affiliate members are encouraged to attend but do not have voting rights.

The Nominating Committee will e-mail to the general membership the slate of nominees at least thirty days prior to the election. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the election. Our Election of Officers meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21.

We are grateful for our 2013 Official monthly sponsors: **Gold Sponsors:** Beard Equipment Company and United Rentals Trench Safety. **Silver Sponsors:** Layne Heavy Civil, Efficiency Shoring & Supply and Standard Precast, Inc. **Bronze Sponsors:** A. J. Johns, Inc., Ellis & Associates and Petticoat-Schmitt

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NUCA of Southwest Florida

NUCA of Southwest Florida held their Annual Fishing Tournament on September 20 at the beautiful Tween Waters Inn on Captiva Island. It was an excellent time for family friends and everyone that was able to attend. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and the full moon was brilliant over the bay!

We would like to this opportunity to thank our gracious sponsors for helping our association's Tournament to be a huge success!

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Next Membership Meeting will be October 17 at the Holiday Inn Airport – Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., Membership Dinner Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Richard Caligiuri of Bouchard will be our guest speaker on the topic Affordable Care Act.



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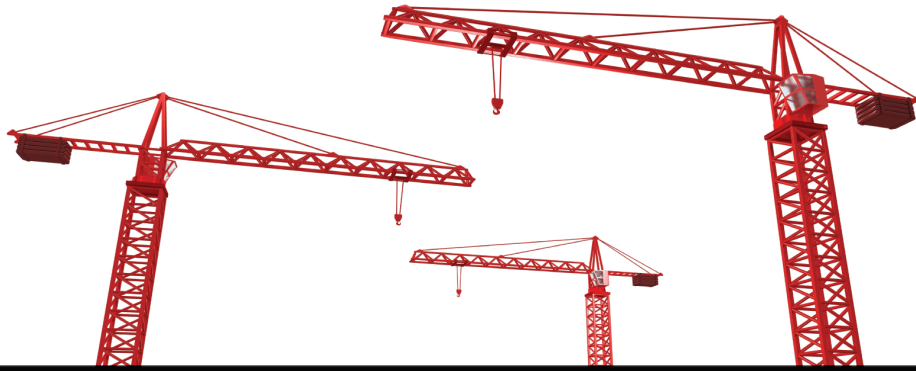
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