

## Rehab News

### NASSCO offers CIPP inspector training

NASSCO's Inspector Training and Certification Program (ITCP) is a new standard national training and certification program that provides field construction professionals (i.e., consulting and municipal engineers, contractors) with comprehensive learning and tools to understand and inspect trenchless pipeline renewal technologies. The first training program focuses on cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) and is scheduled March 18-19, 2008 at NASSCO's new headquarters located at 11521 Cronridge Dr., Ste. J, Owings Mills, MD.

"We are fulfilling an urgent need in our industry for better, informed inspection personnel," said Irv Gemora, executive director of NASSCO.



The program is \$995 per attendee and consists of two-days of classroom learning in the following areas:

1. Introduction to pipe defect identification;
2. Pipeline renewal technologies and applications;
3. Cured-in-place pipe – its proper use and application;
4. Writing and understanding performance specifications;
5. Quality assurance and testing for cured-in-place pipe; and
6. Effective use of warranties for pipeline renewal technologies.

Attendees who complete the training will receive a comprehensive course manual, CEU or PDH credits and upon passing the ITCP course examination, and a certificate of completion.

When finalized in 2008, NASSCO's TAG-R (Trenchless Assessment Guide for Rehabilitation) computer program will be provided to each student. TAG-R is an easy-to-use interactive software used to evaluate al-

ternative rehabilitation methods. Project requirements are entered into the program and the most applicable technologies are selected by the computer. After the engineer designs the selected technology for each specific application, these methods can then be employed in the renewal of gravity and pressure, water, sewer, drain, lateral pipes and manholes.

As NASSCO's ITCP evolves, the multi-day education will include hands-on field installation training and cover additional technologies such as:

- Manhole Coatings and Linings
- Folded Pipe
- Pipebursting
- Lateral Rehabilitation
- Slip Lining
- Grouted-in-Place Liners

"This new inspector training program will provide much needed training for those professionals that supervise and inspect CIPP construction and are instrumental in standardizing the quality assurance and testing required for these projects on a

national basis," said Gerry Muenchmeyer, technical director of NASSCO. (410) 486-3500, [nassco.org](http://nassco.org)

### **Envirosight, Vivax form strategic alliance**

Envirosight, a world leader in video pipeline inspection, and Vivax, an innovator of push camera and locator technology, have announced a strategic alliance whose goal is to further the development of push camera technology, and to grow the sales channel for such technology throughout the North American market.

Envirosight plans to work with Vivax on development of a digital operating platform

that will be common among push cameras, mainline crawlers and zoom survey cameras. This will allow operators to maximize the interoperability of their video inspection equipment, enjoy greater functionality, and consolidate their equipment investment.

Vivax looks forward to leveraging Envirosight's strong sales and support channel, which includes more than 25 trained sales partner organizations throughout North

America, as well as six authorized service centers.

As part of the strategic alliance, Envirosight will private label Vivax equipment for the North American environmental market, and Vivax will grant Envirosight municipal sales exclusivity. Envirosight will officially launch the new push camera line Feb. 27 at the 2008 Pumper Cleaner Environmental Expo in Louisville, KY. ■



*Pictured, from left to right, are: Elvio Calligaris, vice president of Desler, Steve Gearhart, chairman of CIPP Corp., and Carlos Gomez, Desler director of engineering.*

## **CIPP Corp Opens Buenos Aires Office**

CIPP Corp., headquartered in Hudson, IA, opened a new office Nov. 30 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Desler-SA has joined the CIPP Group of rehabilitation contractors to cover Argentina with the CIPP Corp. sewer rehabilitation methods. Desler is in partnership with another American company, EQ.

This moves the number of affiliates to the Hudson Company to 10 separate locations in North and South America. Negotiations are also being firmed up for two additional offices in Central America as well as another in South America. Steve Gearhart, chairman of CIPP Corp., says that these additional negotiations should be completed within a few months. The organization has grown steadily since its inception in 1997 and is well-positioned for continued growth.

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