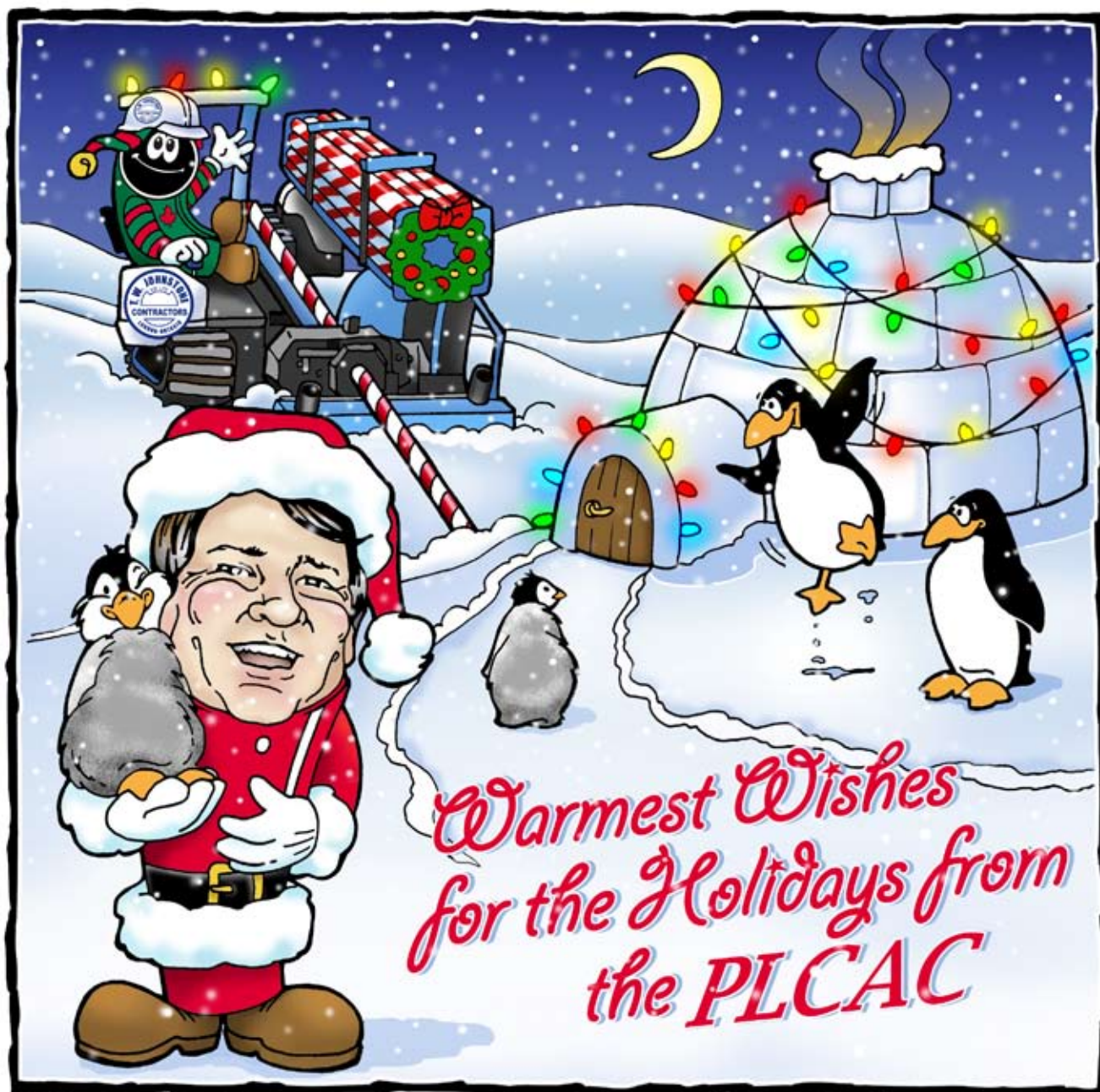


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New deadline for PCST certification is 16 May 2007

The computer-based Pipeline Construction Safety Training program (PCST) must now be taken by ALL field employees of PLCAC members by 16 May 2007.

All employees of members of the PLCAC working under the Mainline Pipeline Agreements for Canada, the Distribution Pipeline Agreements for Canada, the Pipeline Maintenance and Service Agreement for Canada or the Pipeline Investigation and Assessment Agreement for Canada will be required as a condition of employment to be in possession of a certificate that confirms completion of the program. The certificate will be valid for three (3) years, after which it must be renewed.

Developed in conjunction with the four pipeline construction craft unions and the Construction Sector Council (CSC), the program can be obtained from the CSC (<http://www.csc-ca.org> in the "What We Do" section.) The PLCAC Board of Directors has revised the original implementation date due to the large number of persons requiring this training and the limited facilities available to those who lack access to a computer linked to the internet.

Nisku News

Word from O.J. - that's Pipelines Canada, not Simpson, is that Dave Kavanaugh is its new president. Peter Thompson is the company's vice president.



PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



**53rd Annual Convention
Niagara Falls, Ontario**

May 13-18, 2007
Niagara Fallsview Resort & Casino

Registration information will be available in February
Mark your calendars now!

Mike Archambault to be appointed to WSIB

COCA president David Frame, has announced that its nominee for appointment to the board of directors of the Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB), Mike Archambault, has been chosen by the Board.



The vice president of Safety and Insurance for Aecon Group Inc., Mike Archambault has been involved in health and safety and risk management for over twenty-nine years and has worked in the construction industry for the past nine years. This appointment is subject to review by the Standing Committee on Government Agencies.

Waschuk building 328km of pipeline for Kinder Morgan Canada

News from Kevin Waschuk, the vice president of Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd., is that his company is underway with three sections of the Corridor Pipeline Expansion.

It consists of loop A, a 78 km pipeline north of Fort McMurray; a summer/fall 2007 project, designated D, at Boyle, AB consisting of 141 km; and a winter 2007-8 loop B, in the area south of Fort McMurray totalling 109 km. All three sections are to be 42 in.

Majority of construction deaths involve heavy equipment

The latest issue of Construction Safety Magazine provides grim evidence of the deaths of construction workers in Ontario, 62 per cent involving heavy equipment. Copies of the Autumn issue are available through info@csao.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Next year's challenges:
manpower and what
Mother Nature can do!

As the 2006 construction year closes out we have to conclude we've seen more than our share of challenges. While the manpower challenge has been uppermost in our minds, it has been overcome to a large extent by the training courses offered by the various stakeholders. The proof is in the many projects that have been safely completed.

Truth to tell, the most significant problem that has bedeviled the industry this past season has been Mother Nature. There has been a noticeable lack of "Great Day, eh?" in our vocabulary lately.

Take a look at that photo to the right, taken this summer in Quebec, clear evidence of the extraordinary amount of rain the eastern half of the country has had to contend with. It not only eroded our topsoil, but our bottom line as well!

As for western Canada, they are not going to forget the prolonged icy blasts of winter they suffered last month.

Climatologists told us eight years ago that we were exiting a century and a half of fairly stable weather and could expect far more extreme conditions in the years ahead.

These extremes in the form of temperature variations, floods and droughts will pose a challenge to our members, who, because of the mobile nature of their work sites will need to find new and better methods to protect their workforces, their equipment and their bottom line from the ravages of Mother Nature.



David Johnstone, (right) PLCAC president, offering congratulations to Andy Lukas, managing director of A J. Lucas Group Ltd., Australia, on his election as president of the International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association during the recent IPLOCA convention at Barcelona, Spain.

ACTION DATES

2007

20-25 JANUARY

Distribution Contractors Association
46th Annual Convention
Atlantis Resort
Paradise Island, Bahamas
Contact: Dennis Kennedy
Richardson, TX
972.680.0261 www.dca-online.org

29-30 JANUARY

Sino-Asian Oil & Gas Projects Forum
Beijing, China
Contact: Benjamin Chen
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30 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY

Underground Construction
Technology (UCT)
Conference and Exhibition
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX
Contact: Sheila Coats
Houston, TX
281.558.7029 www.uctonline.com

21-24 FEBRUARY

Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)
59th Annual Convention
Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort
Miami, FL
Contact: Pat Tielborg
Dallas, TX
214.969.2700 www.plca.org

16-20 APRIL

Pipeline Technology Trade Fair
Hannover, Germany
Contact: Oliver Frese
49.511.89.31310
www.pipeline-technology-hannover.de

14-17 MAY

Pipe Line Contractors Association
of Canada
53rd Annual Convention
Niagara Fallsview Resort & Casino
Niagara Falls, ON
Contact: Barry Brown
905.847.9383 www.pipeline.ca

RIGHT: Senior operating officers of five of the World Federation of Pipeline Industry Association members attending the IPLOCA Annual Convention at Barcelona, Spain, are (left to right): Pat Tielborg, managing director, Pipe Line Contractors Association (US); Luc Henriod, executive director, International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association; Cheryl Cartwright, chief executive officer, Australian Pipeline Industry Association; Barry Brown, executive director, Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada; Dennis Kennedy, executive vice president, Distribution Contractors Association (US).

First CEPA Suppliers' Conference a great success!

It was a sell-out at the first annual CEPA Suppliers' Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Calgary last month, with over 170 members and suppliers attending.

The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association, with a membership of PLCAC clients such as Trans-Canada, Enbridge, Kinder Morgan and Duke Energy, arranged the conference to give its members an opportunity to profile the projects they are working on and to hear from associate organizations that have a role to play in the pipeline industry.

Following the luncheon speaker, Tim Moro, senior vice president of Ipsos-Reid, who presented a summary of public attitudes towards the energy sector, two panels were convened in the afternoon, the first in which CEPA members profiled the projects planned for the future, and the second that included submissions by Cheryl Knight, president of the Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada, Todd Hirsch

chief economist of the Canada West Foundation and Mike Prior, PLCAC's vice-president.

*Mike Prior,
Vice President
PLCAC*



In his presentation, Mike detailed the initiatives the association was taking to ensure an adequate supply of skilled workers through its cooperation with the four pipeline craft unions, the most recent step being the certification of all workers through the Pipeline Construction Safety Training Program it has developed with the Construction Sector Council at Ottawa.

A significant fact reported to the assembly was PLCAC member success in controlling lost-time injuries. According to the National Energy Board it was lower than the industry average.



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