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Welcome Dinner sponsored by Caterpillar

DCA 2026 Annual Convention Wrap-Up

The 2026 DCA Annual Convention returned to Miami, Florida, at the Trump National Doral Resort, kicking off beside the swimming pool with the sun shining brightly and guests donning sweaters as a strong breeze kept temperatures in the low 60s. Vacuworx sponsored the event, where the raffle is always a huge hit as winners walked away with the prize of their choice. Later that evening, Caterpillar extended the official welcome sponsoring the dinner held in the Crystal ballroom. The stately ballroom dripped with crystal chandeliers and gold accents, and white roses graced each table. A four-piece jazz band entertained the diners before the big fireworks show. After dinner, members headed outside on the balcony for a spectacular patriotic fireworks display over a large waving American flag to celebrate America's upcoming 250th birthday.

Tuesday, February 24

Tuesday's breakfast sponsored by John Deere opened with a rocking "Welcome to Miami" video as Executive Vice President Kevin Parker took the stage to begin the proceedings. After a moment of silence in tribute to long-time member Bob Darby, guests were treated to an NFL-style video review of Doug Reeves' year as DCA

president, followed by thanks from the man himself.

On behalf of keynote sponsor McElroy Manufacturing, Vince King then introduced geologist and global energy educator Dr. Scott Tinker for his presentation on "Seeking Energy Truth." He challenged the audience to define "energy transition" and "energy security" before showing examples from his travels around the world of just what it's like to live without secure, reliable energy — in most cases, an existence in crippling poverty. From there, his talk ranged widely across topics including happiness, energy availability, electrons versus molecules, energy mix versus consumption, and much more. He discussed the philosophy of being completely factual versus factually complete, how China and India compare with the West, energy prices in red and blue states, and the real impact of electric cars. It was, without a doubt, one of the most information-dense talks DCA has seen in years, featuring dozens of charts, each fascinating in its own right. Rather than stumping for one side or the other in the renewable versus fossil energy debate, Tinker advocates for what he calls "the Radical Middle," stating that, based on clear evidence, while no option is perfect, all forms of energy are necessary at the table to bring the majority of the world up from the poverty it now



Opening Breakfast sponsored by John Deere, Dr. Scott Tinker, sponsored by McElroy Manufacturing

lives in. Tinker spreads his hard-earned wisdom through the Switch Energy Alliance, PBS, the University of Texas at Austin, and many other organizations. DCA members are highly encouraged to access copies of this extremely enlightening talk at the DCA website.

Members then headed over to the Workforce and Leadership Development Committee meeting, the first under the new banner since the Future Leaders and Workforce Development committees were combined into one. After reviewing mission statement updates and calling for nominations to fill the secretary vacancy, the group launched into an animated discussion centered on where the committee's resources are best used, externally (workforce development) or internally (leadership development). Members held forth on union-based training, industry education and awareness for young people and educators, toolkits and marketing materials, the need for a "younger Mike Rowe," how AI is boosting the energy industry, and the underutilized DCA jobs board. Dave Wisniewski described this committee as the "HR arm" of the DCA, and the crowd showed a general preference for a more external focus, allowing for possible internal and external subcommittees in the future.

The Town Hall and Business Session was packed with meaningful moments and industry recognition. The session kicked off with heartfelt tributes to outgoing board members Mark Albert, Dale Anderson, and Mike James. Recognition of the co-chairs of DCA's

working committees was followed by a special award presentation to outgoing 2025 President Doug Reeves. The highlight was the prestigious Arthur T. Everham Safety Awards, celebrating companies for their exceptional commitment to safety programs and advancing industry standards. The session wrapped up with an engaging panel discussion exploring DCA's impressive 65-year journey. A panel of DCA Past Presidents and honorary members reflecting on the "History and Evolution of the DCA." The panel, moderated by Wisniewski, consisted of Keith Swerdfeger, Chris Brahler, Kevin Miller, and Kevin Michels. Wisniewski reviewed the different generations of DCA leadership, from the Silent Generation in the early days to the Gen X and older Millennials who dominate the membership today. He also showed how history often rhymes, as Mark Twain put it, with certain issues recurring periodically. The panelists then shared memories of their first convention. Michels observed that younger associates aren't talking to contractors as much, hoping that would change. Swerdfeger gave his thoughts on union relations, which were a key feature of his time in DCA leadership, and the legacy of Arthur Everham. He also recalled a convention when a friend of his accidentally turned a row of Harleys into dominoes. Miller said he believes that DCA is about "commonalities and commiseration." Asked what he hopes will change going forward, he emphasized the importance of continuing to change and working on things that benefit

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Kevin Parker, DCA Executive Vice President

all companies. Looking ahead, the panelists noted that damage prevention never goes away, and opportunities abound with the growth of clean energy and AI.

The Innovation and Technology Committee dove right into its panel topic of “Automation and AI: The Connected Jobsite,” postulating on what a “futuristic” natural gas jobsite might look like. The committee talked about what types of repetitive or time-consuming tasks could be automated and what to do with the information once it is digitized. Documentation, mapping, site planning, material tracking and requisition, and staging all received a mention. In a survey of the room, almost no one was currently using AI in the field, although many found it useful in the office. Panelists discussed the distinction between replacement and assistance, their personal experiences with AI, and how customers are using it, noting that customers don’t want to be guinea pigs for new technology. The committee plans to formulate some best practices for using AI in the field.

The Trenchless & HDD Committee held an abbreviated meeting to make time for the Telematics panel immediately after. Siggi Finnsson gave a brief overview of the white paper he co-authored with Jim Lagios and Eli Pagel, “Rod-by-Rod Planning for HDD,” about the benefits and methodology of bore planning, followed by quick subcommittee updates.

The Telematics panel brought together representatives from Ditch Witch, Vermeer, Volvo Construction Equipment, and John Deere to discuss the software

they use to connect their construction equipment to the cloud. Cory Maker from Ditch Witch began by pointing out that every customer utilizes data differently, so customization is very important. Jon Glennon from Volvo emphasized using data to predict problems and take action, while Cory Mass from Vermeer described their focus on making data easier to interpret and use. Tom Langan of John Deere talked about customer service and helping you get the most out of what you’re paying (a lot) for. From there, the panel delved into handling data from disparate systems on site, using telematics to coach operators, reactive versus predictive strategies, and ownership and storage of data. In general, the panel provided a solid overview of telematics design philosophies and relevant questions for users to consider before purchasing.

Capping off a very busy Tuesday was the annual DCA auction, moved up from its traditional Wednesday slot to accommodate the shorter convention schedule. Excavators, drill bits, diamond jewelry, truck rentals, football tickets, hunting trips, and more attracted enthusiastic bidding throughout the night. Numerous comments were overheard that this was some of the liveliest bidding seen in years, and the electricity in the room was palpable. The auction would go on to raise \$721,390 for the various DCA scholarship funds — the highest total since before the pandemic.



2015 Honorary Member
Jack Gabrielse



2026 Honorary Member
Keith Swerdfefer



Closing Breakfast sponsored by
Ditch Witch, David Feherty sponsored
by Century Products

Wednesday, February 25

Midweek kicked off with the Membership & Engagement Committee meeting on Wednesday morning. The committee began by announcing that they would be shifting more of the recruiting duties to Jacob Adams Mireles and the DCA staff but would still advise on recruiting and function to welcome new members. This may result in less frequent meetings. The committee's newest project is a member survey to determine primary, secondary, and other contacts for retention efforts. After announcements, they opened the floor for discussion on the direction of the committee, fielding questions about exit interviews and defining the value of sending representatives to DCA events, tiered membership pricing, and allowing members to exhibit at conventions.

The Safety & Risk Management Committee meeting opened with a laugh as co-chair Eddie Ramos delivered a brilliantly deadpan "airline captain" speech to start the proceedings. After the safety award winners were recognized, talk turned to how to get more nominations for the awards, covering various ideas to make submissions easier, such as allowing video submissions instead of filling out long forms. An upcoming Deep Dive on traffic control practices and programming updates for the Safety Congress were announced. The committee also discussed how to get frontline supervisors and crew involved in safety when inspectors can't be present. One popular suggestion was to send non-safety personnel, such as foremen, to the Safety Congress to learn alongside the safety officers.

Thursday, February 26

Thursday's closing breakfast was an extra special one for the rare and much-anticipated induction of a new honorary member. DCA Past President and longtime stalwart Keith Swerdfefer was feted by old friend, Past President, and fellow Honorary Member Jack Gabrielse. The induction also featured a video tribute to Keith's life and accomplishments that earned a standing ovation from the appreciative crowd.

The recipients of the Dale R. Michels and Curtis Allen scholarships were announced, along with the winners of Wednesday's golf tournament.

The golf winners are:

- Closest to the Pin Ladies: Katie Reeves
- Closest to the Pin Men: Brad Reinsel, INROCK
- Longest Drive Lady's: Katie Reeves
- Longest Drive Men's: Dustin Kraft, Vermeer

The first-place foursome with a score of -11:

- Doug Reeves, Primoris Services Corporation
- Katie Reeves
- Robby Hughes, United Rentals Matting Solutions
- Bobby Darby, Darby Equipment

Following the formalities was keynote speaker, Irish golf pro and longtime golf announcer David Feherty. His uniquely Irish sense of humor was on full display, opening with some of his father's favorite Murphy and Flanagan jokes, staples of traditional Irish storytelling and humor, that he heard growing up in Northern Ireland. He

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(L to R) 2025 DCA President Doug Reeves and wife Carol, Primoris Services Corporation; 2026 DCA President Andy Miller and wife Becky, Alex E. Paris Contracting Co. President's Dinner sponsored by Vermeer.

learned his humor early as a "classic ADD kid" in school, growing up with a good-natured drunk father and a strict Presbyterian mother. Feherty often hung out with his father as he played golf with three doctors every week in Belfast, and he decided to become a pro golfer at age 17 in the 1970s.

The final meeting of the week was the Government Relations Committee, which featured speaker Liz Bowman from Williams, a 100-year-old energy company best known for its work on the Alaska Pipeline. Starting with the idea that natural gas (NG) is our nation's secret competitive advantage — it's cheap, abundant, energy-dense, and we're the world's largest producer — Bowman talked about how different regions in the U.S. are responding to growing demand for energy. While the South is building NG infrastructure heavily, the Northeast continues to rely on heating oil during the winter. New York's NG regulations are especially restrictive and contributed to sharp price spikes during the recent Winter Storm Fern. Nationwide, electricity production has been flat for decades, and permit reform is desperately needed to jumpstart new projects, along with reforms to the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and stopping non-governmental organization (NGO) lawsuits that block infrastructure. The Q&A session was enthusiastic, covering federal versus state law, how to influence public opinion, cooperation with other

organizations, permit reform and state reactions, keeping up with China, and fighting energy bans in California. The meeting concluded with legislative updates and promoting the next Washington D.C. fly-in, with several members describing their first fly-in experience.

That evening, the President's Dinner featured a patriotic theme for the nation's upcoming 250th birthday. The ballroom was decorated with American flags on every table, decked out with red and blue tablecloths and white seats. The bar was draped in flag livery, photo backdrops featured Mount Rushmore and the Statue of Liberty, and Uncle Sam roamed the floor on stilts that made him 10 feet tall, juggling and performing tricks with the guests. Members embodied the spirit of '76 with their finest (or loudest) red, white, and blue outfits; some even sported flashing lights! Patriotic and nostalgic music filled the air. When it was time to settle in, Scott Cooper paid tribute to the retiring Woody Farrell at his last DCA event, and sponsor Eric Van Dusseldorp of Vermeer Corporation told the story of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" locker room speech before Doug Reeves passed the gavel to incoming president Andy Miller. After dinner, the jazz band Martini Pop got the dance floor going with a rousing mix of American classics.

The DCA will convene next for the 2026 Mid Year Meeting at Everline Resort & Spa in Olympic Valley, California, July 20-23. ▲

2025 DCA Arthur T. Everham Safety Award



(L to R) Jana Metcalfe-Crooks, Appalachian Pipeline Contractors; Charles Molloy, Haugland Group; Keith Miller, Otis Minnesota Services; Dale Mykyte, Pe Ben USA; Eddie Ramos, North Country Directional Drilling

Safety excellence was recognized by several DCA contractor members for the effectiveness of their respective programs in 2025. The DCA established the Arthur T. Everham Safety Award in 1986 to recognize contractors with exceptional safety programs. The revised and updated judging criteria includes: the number of OSHA lost workday cases, number of OSHA restricted duty days, number of fatalities, the presence of a documented safety management system (SMS), the use of a drug-testing program, and the company's root cause analysis (RCA) system.

The award is highly coveted as award recipients are being recognized by their peers in the industry. For 2025, the categories awarded are:

Under 200,000 Hour Category:

First Place – (a 4-way tie)

- Eastern Utilities Services, Melville, NY
- Pe Ben USA, Houston, TX
- Price Gregory International, Katy, TX
- R&R Pipeline, Newark, OH

Second Place – (a 2-way tie)

- Brotherton Pipeline, Inc., Gold Hill, OR
- Gabe's Construction, Sheybogan, WI

200,000 to 700,000 Hours:

First Place – (a 3-way tie)

- Appalachian Pipeline Contractors LLP, Hendersonville, TN
- Hanging H Companies, LLC, Burlington, WA
- Teichert, Sacramento, CA

Second Place

- Aaron Enterprises, York, PA

700,000 to 1.5 Million Hours:

First Place

- Grace Industries LLC, Melville, NY

Second Place

- Primoris Distribution Services, Dade City, FL

Over 1.5 Million Man Hours:

First Place

- Otis Minnesota Services, Wellsville, NY

Second Place

- Q3 Contracting, Little Canada, MN







Elizabeth Michels, DCA-Dale R. Michels Scholarship



Clint Pitman, DCA-Curtis H. Allen Scholarship

DCA-Dale R. Michels Scholarship Recipients Announced

Eight students were given a financial boost when they were selected by the scholarship committee as recipients of the 2026-27 DCA-Dale R. Michels Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was founded in 1998 in honor of DCA Honorary Member and Past President Dale R. Michels from the proceeds of the DCA's annual auction. The committee is pleased to announce that with DCA members' generous support of the DCA auctions, \$105,000 in scholarships has been awarded to both students starting college and people who are returning to college. The recipients for the 2026-27 academic year are:

- Mason Fraley, Miller Electric
- Carter Daly, Michels Corporation
- Emma Chesterman, John Deere Construction
- Edward Shepler, R. L. Coolsaet Construction

- Hadden Zimmerman, Hanging H Companies
- Kenai Zimmerman, Hanging H Companies
- Taylor Schultz, Precision Pipeline
- Maximiliano Vargas, Mears Group

The 2026 DCA-Dale R. Michels Scholarship committee was comprised of Dale Anderson, Miller Pipeline; Remi Coolsaet, R. L. Coolsaet Construction Co.; Nate Eastway, Gabe's Construction Co., Inc.; Mike James, ISCO Industries; Thomas Jones, Primoris Services Corporation; Jim Lagios, Atlas Trenchless, LLC; Kevin Michels, Michels Corporation; Andy Miller, Alex E. Paris Contracting Co., Inc.; Doug Reeves, Primoris Services Corporation and Ben Clark, Derrick Corporation. ▲

DCA-Curtis Allen Scholarship Recipients Announced

Six students were selected as recipients of the DCA-Curtis H. Allen Scholarship. The scholarship was founded in 2010 in honor of Curtis Allen, and emphasis is given to students entering a vocational, trade, or technical school. The scholarship receives funding from the DCA auctions. The recipients for the 2026-27 academic year are:

- Lilly Fain, Mears Group Inc.
- Jacob Wold, Otis Minnesota Services
- Stacy Wood, MasTec North America
- Eric Carlson, Jr, Michels Utility Services

- Cameron Dykstra, Vermeer Iowa & N. Missouri
- Eberardo Soto Jr, Primoris Distribution Services
- Kaden Greeson, Consolidated Pipe & Supply

The 2026 DCA-Curtis Allen committee was comprised of Dan Britz, Michels Utility Services Inc.; Randy Bunch, Eastern Utilities Services; Pete Fojtik, MP Technologies LLC; Rob Hotz, ECI Contracting; Ken Hugen, RDO Equipment Co.; Andy Miller, Alex E. Paris Contracting Co., Inc. and Clint Pitman, DMD Drilling Mud Direct. ▲

Calendar

2026 & 2027 DCA and Industry Events

2026

JUNE 22 – 26

SkillsUSA TechSPO
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, Georgia
info@skillsusa.org

JULY 20 – 23

DCA Mid Year Meeting
Everline Resort & Spa
Olympic Valley (Lake Tahoe), California
dcaweb.org

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2

58th Annual Convention
Intercontinental Athens
Athens, Greece
www.iploca.com

OCTOBER 19 – 21

DCA Fall Meeting
Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel
Addison, Texas
dcaweb.org

2027

JANUARY 26-27

Underground Infrastructure Conference (UIC)
Gaylord Texan Resort
Grapevine, TX
ui-conference.com

2027 (cont.)

FEBRUARY 10-14

2027 PLCA Convention
Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
Carlsbad, California
www.plca.org

FEBRUARY 22-27

DCA Annual Convention
Terranea Resort
Rancho Palos Verdes, California
dcaweb.org

MAY 9-12

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada
(PLCAC)
73rd Annual Convention
Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac
Quebec City, Quebec
www.pipeline.ca

JULY 12 – 15

DCA Mid Year Meeting
Omni Homestead Resort & Spa
Hot Springs, Virginia
dcaweb.org

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So you do not miss out on future meeting and event notices, please have your company's IT representative whitelist all emails from dcaweb.org. If you have any questions, please contact Jacob Adams Mireles at jadams@dcaweb.org.



(L to R) DCA President Andy Miller, Alex E. Paris Contracting; 2025 Safety Director of the Year Quentin Johnson, MP Technologies



(L to R) 2025 Safety Person of the Year Cleo Deshazer, Precision Pipeline; DCA President Andy Miller, Alex E. Paris Contracting

Quentin Johnson Receives DCA 2025 Safety Director Award; Cleo Deshazer is the Safety Person of the Year

Each year, the Distribution Contractors Association recognizes safety professionals whose leadership not only strengthens their organization but also elevates standards across the industry. DCA named Quentin Johnson, MP Technologies, Safety Director of the Year for 2025 and honored Cleo Deshazer, Precision Pipeline, as Safety Person of the Year at the 2026 DCA Safety Congress, April 8-10, at the Kimpton Brice Hotel in Savannah, Georgia. DCA President Andy Miller of Alex E. Paris Contracting presented the awards.

Safety Director of the Year

The DCA Safety Director of the Year award began in 1998 to recognize the importance of the safety director's role in today's construction industry. Company management nominates their candidate then finalists are selected by members of the DCA Safety & Risk Management Committee and voted on by their DCA peers. The winner receives a \$1,000 cash prize and plaque.

This year's Safety Director of the Year, Quentin Johnson, Regional Safety Manager, exemplifies that impact through innovation, accountability, and measurable results. At the core of Quentin's success is his development of a Corrective Action Plan Safety Accountability Program—an initiative that serves as the final step in MP's Safety Management System. This structured approach ensures consistent compliance, reinforces shared responsibility, and drives meaningful, trackable actions across all levels of the organization. By closing gaps and embedding accountability into daily operations, the program has fostered a sustainable, safety-focused culture.

Quentin's leadership has delivered clear, data-driven outcomes. Over the past six years, MP's total recordable incident rate (TRIR) has improved to 1.3—approximately 25% below the industry average. His enhancements to electronic pre-task planning, division-specific toolbox talks, and hazard recognition practices have significantly



(L to R) Past Safety Directors of the Year: DCA President Andy Miller, Alex E. Paris Contracting; Tim Schmitt, Michels Utility Services; Travis Flowers, Brotherton Pipeline; Tracy Lipinski, MP Technologies; DCA Executive Vice President Kevin Parker; Stu Buhrendorf, Hallen Construction; Tony Sandwick, Q3 Contracting; Quentin Johnson, MP Technologies; KC Murray, Hallen Construction

reduced exposures and injuries while increasing workforce engagement in safety processes.

Beyond the job site, Quentin has also led impactful fleet and damage prevention initiatives. Through the implementation of advanced camera systems and a "Driving Without Distractions" program, the company achieved a 55% reduction in at-fault vehicle incidents and a 23% decrease in utility damages over five years.

Notably, Quentin's influence has translated into substantial cost savings, with overall loss costs reduced by 59% compared to three years ago. His collaborative approach—particularly through the Regional Manager Safety Partnership—has aligned safety strategy with operational execution, ensuring long-term performance and accountability.

Quentin Johnson's leadership reflects the best of the industry: proactive, data-driven, and committed to protecting people above all else.

In addition to Johnson, 2025 Safety Director of the Year nominees included:

- Tony Abbott, Otis Minnesota Services
- Sierramarie Fitzgerald, Hallen Construction
- Travis Flowers, Brotherton Pipeline

- Joe Froome, Underground Construction
- Ryno Gonzalez, Teichert
- Mike Hofert, Wright Traffic Control
- Jasen Jensen, Michels Corporation
- Robert Salcedo, Grace Industries / Eastern Utility Services
- Kyle Utpadel, ECI

Safety Person of the Year

The Safety Person of the Year award, which recognizes an individual who has made a lasting impact on safety, was suggested at a Safety Congress over 10 years ago. Nominees can come from any department within a DCA member company. The winner also receives a \$1,000 cash prize and plaque.

The Distribution Contractors Association is proud to recognize Cleo Deshazer, Superintendent with Precision Pipeline, as this year's Safety Person of the Year. Cleo's leadership stands out for its proactive, field-driven approach to safety. During the 2025 Midwest distribution project, he oversaw daily operations for 40 to 45

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(L to R) Past Safety Persons of the Year: Austin O'Hara, Miller Pipeline; Cleo Deshazer, Precision Pipeline LLC; DCA President Andy Miller, Alex E. Paris Contracting; Justin Hutchens, Miller Pipeline

technicians responsible for installing and commissioning more than 47,000 natural gas meters across active residential and urban communities. This work required crews to navigate congested roadways, tight job sites, and occupied homes—making safety execution both complex and critical. Cleo consistently emphasized proper procedures, verification checks, and customer protection to ensure both workers and the public remained safe.

Early in the project, Cleo identified vehicle movement as one of the highest risk exposures. Rather than waiting for an incident, he implemented a daily, project-wide focus on defensive driving and situational awareness. Through targeted safety meetings, crews actively discussed real-world hazards, shared near misses, and identified solutions together. This approach transformed safety conversations from routine briefings into meaningful, participatory discussions that drove behavioral change.

Cleo also worked closely with safety leadership to strengthen observation programs and create a continuous feedback loop between the field and management. As a result, crews became more engaged, took greater ownership of hazard

identification, and viewed safety processes as practical tools rather than compliance requirements.

His leadership delivered measurable impact—not only improving workforce safety performance, but also helping protect the communities in which crews operated. Cleo's ability to manage risk, engage teams, and maintain safety focus under production pressure earned him a well-deserved promotion to Superintendent during the project.

Cleo Deshazer exemplifies the leadership, accountability, and commitment to safety that define this award.

In addition to Deshazer, 2025 Safety Person of the Year Nominees also included:

- Keenan Ahlfield, Miller Pipeline
- Jeffrey Casaday, Underground Construction
- Marie Egger, Q3 Contracting
- Mel Rivas, Teichert

The 2026 DCA Safety Congress

This year's Safety Congress attracted more than 60 gas distribution safety professionals to Savannah who gathered to network, share creative training concepts,



(L to R) Kelsey Moreland, Precision Pipeline LLC - WI; Kenneth Crook, ARB, Inc.; KC Murray, Hallen Construction

discuss trends, and hear from leading safety training consultants, other safety directors, and risk management executives. Centered on the theme “*Operational Capacity: Turning Leadership, Safety, and Technology into Real-World Resilience*,” this year’s Congress reinforced the industry’s commitment to moving beyond compliance and into measurable, field-level impact.

The program opened with a keynote from Dr. Matthew Hallowell of the Construction Safety Research Alliance (CSRA), who delivered a research-driven perspective on energy-based safety and High Energy Control Assessments (HECA). Drawing on extensive field and neuroscience research, Hallowell challenged a long-held assumption in the industry that workers consistently recognize hazards in front of them. In reality, studies show crews typically identify only about half of the hazards they encounter, with many missed due to predictable cognitive blind spots.

He introduced the concept of viewing hazards as sources of energy such as gravity, motion, pressure, or mechanical forces shifting the focus from surface-level conditions to the underlying mechanisms that cause harm. Hallowell explained that while certain hazards (like falls or moving equipment) are identified instinctively, others require greater cognitive effort and are more frequently overlooked.

To address this gap, he highlighted the practical application of the “Energy Wheel,” a simple but powerful tool that improves hazard recognition by prompting workers to systematically consider energy sources during planning and work execution. Field studies demonstrate

that this approach can increase hazard recognition by approximately 30%, making it one of the most effective, research-validated approaches available today.

Hallowell’s keynote reinforced a critical takeaway for attendees: improving safety performance is not just about adding controls, but about enhancing how workers see, interpret, and respond to risk in real time.

A series of expert led sessions followed, each addressing critical dimensions of operational resilience. Mitch Cowart (Caterpillar) outlined the four components of a resilient safety culture, while Jason LaValley (LaValley Industries) delivered actionable insights on HDD safety and the importance of three-way communication in high-risk environments. Professor Yaqoob Raheemy (CSRA) challenged attendees to rethink how safety systems are designed and executed through his session on “Decluttering Safety.” Grounded in research from the CSRA, his message was clear: not all safety activities add value, and in many cases, they may actually detract from it.

Raheemy introduced the concept of “safety clutter,” defined as elements within safety processes that consume time, attention, and resources without improving outcomes. He emphasized that clutter is not the activity itself—such as pre-job briefs or reporting—but rather how those activities are implemented. Poor design, overcomplication, repetition, or misalignment with actual work can turn well-intentioned practices into barriers to effective safety performance.

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(L to R) Jason Cramer, Wright Traffic Control; Windell Terry, Michels Corporation

Using a practical taxonomy, he outlined common forms of clutter, including excessive, irrelevant, inaccessible, and invalid practices. These often manifest as overcomplicated procedures, redundant documentation, misdirected training, or information that is difficult to access or apply in the field.

Rather than advocating for fewer safety activities, Raheemy encouraged a more disciplined approach: simplifying processes, aligning them with real work, and ensuring that every requirement has a clear purpose and impact. By removing or refining low-value elements, organizations can free up capacity for frontline leaders to focus on the hazards and decisions that matter most.

A standout moment of the Congress was the panel discussion examining high-energy events in pipeline and distribution work. Moderated by Kelsey Moreland, the panel featured contractor perspectives from Kenneth Crook (ARB), KC Murray (Hallen Construction), Jason Cramer (Wright Traffic Control), and Windell Terry (Michels Corporation). Their candid discussion provided real-world lessons on utilizing the energy wheel for risk recognition, response, and continuous improvement.

Additional sessions highlighted the importance of leadership at every level. Judy Agnew (Aubrey Daniels International) focused on supervisor safety leadership, while Kenneth Crook (ARB) delivered a session on human and organizational performance, emphasizing the gap between “work as imagined” and “work as done.”

Closing out the Congress, John Jaeger (Haugland Group) addressed the growing importance of mental

health in the work environment and shared his personal journey that led to the creation of their Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Ambassadors program. John shared resources with attendees that he encouraged all companies to consider sharing with their teams and crews.

- American Federation of Suicide Prevention <https://afsp.org/>
- QPR Institute <https://qprinstitute.com/>
- Construction Working Minds Summit <https://www.constructionworkingminds.org/home>
- 988 <https://988lifeline.org/>
- Sweethearts and Heroes <https://www.sweetheartsandheroes.com/>

Collectively, the 2026 Safety Congress underscored a clear message: resilience is not theoretical—it is built through disciplined leadership, simplified systems, and a relentless focus on controlling high-energy hazards where the work happens.

DCA thanks 2026 Safety Congress Co-chairs Tim Schmitt of Michels Utility Services Inc., Kelsey Moreland of Precision Pipeline LLC, and Chad Fischer of Teichert, for their efforts in organizing this year’s event. The dates and venue for the 2027 Safety Congress will be announced later this fall. ▲



Jason LaValley, LaValley Industries



John Jaeger, Haugland Group



Judy Agnew, Aubrey Daniels International



Kenneth Crook, ARB, Inc.



Mitch Cowart, Caterpillar



Tim Schmitt, Michels Utility Services Inc.





DCA MID YEAR

JULY 20 - 23, 2026

**EVERLINE RESORT & SPA
LAKE TAHOE, CA.**

**For information please visit:
dcaweb.org/events/mid-year-meeting**



Mid Year Speakers

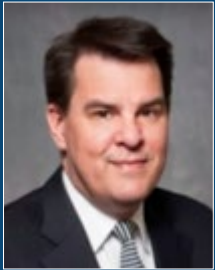
Business Session Discussion Monday, July 20

Dan Shumate



Dan Shumate, DCA Associate Member and managing Director of FMI Capital Advisors. Dan focuses on mergers and acquisitions in the utility transmission and distribution sectors as well as business continuity transactions for construction and engineering companies. And, if that is not exciting enough, Dan, served as a captain and pilot of Black Hawk helicopters for the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Mark Bridgers Principal, Continuum Capital



Mark Bridgers is a consultant to the design and construction industry and leads a Utility Vertical Market team. He works primarily with gas/electric utilities, power generators, pipeline companies, and energy companies to support the planning, design, and construction of capital assets. In addition, he frequently works with the service providers to these firms including overhead or pipeline contractors, industrial and mechanical contractors, engineering firms, and value-added material and equipment suppliers. As a recognized expert in capital construction and operational challenges, Mark has delivered expert testimony in regulatory proceedings, was honored with the American Gas Association (AGA) Silver Award of Merit and was peer-selected for membership in both the Society of Gas Operators (SOGO) and the Guild of Ancient Suppliers.

Opening Breakfast Tuesday, July 21

Christophe Fox



In 2018, Christophe launched his career as the youngest performer to win the "D.C.'s Magician of the Year." Soon after, he committed to creating engaging short-form content. This venture quickly propelled Christophe to amass over 1 million followers and over 100 million views within the next two years. Now, he focuses on providing the highest level of entertainment for live events nationwide for a clientele that includes celebrities, politicians, and Fortune 500 companies.

Safety & Risk Management Committee Tuesday, July 21

Guest Speaker: Mitch Cowart, Caterpillar

Presentation: *Do We Really Value Safety?*



The construction industry talks a lot about safety — but does that message actually land with the people it's meant to protect? Mitch Cowart challenges the industry's conventional thinking and presents a fresh approach rooted in deeper human values and motivations. Expect a candid conversation that may change how you think about safety culture from the ground up.

Trenchless & HDD Committee Tuesday, July 21

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sam Ariaratnam, Arizona State University
Presentation: *Horizontal Directional Drilling: Past, Present, and Future*



With 29 years in construction engineering and a passion for HDD that spans three decades, Dr. Sam Ariaratnam is one of HDD technology's most respected global voices. A professor at Arizona State University and active industry consultant, he has led research projects worldwide and lectured around the globe. In this session, he'll deliver a comprehensive look at where HDD has been, where it stands today, and where it's going — essential perspective for anyone working in trenchless technology.

Workforce & Leadership Development Committee Tuesday, July 21

Guest Speaker: Fred Arnold, Executive Director, Learning Alliance Corporation

Presentation: *Workforce Development – Bridging the Technological Gap*



As Executive Director of the Learning Alliance Corporation, Fred Arnold leads a hands-on training institution built around one goal: equipping professionals with the skills the industry actually needs. Through strategic partnerships with SETE, PCCA, APCA, and the FBA, LAC aligns credentials with employer demands and delivers strong placement outcomes. This session will address how distribution contractors can meet the workforce challenges that come with an aging workforce and rapid technological change.

Government Relations Committee Wednesday, July 22

Guest Speaker: Sarah Macgruder Lyle, Common Ground Alliance
(invited)

Presentation: *Updates from CGA's Damage Prevention Institute (DPI) and Damage Prevention Action Network (DPAC)*



CGA will provide updates on two programs central to DCA members' work in damage prevention.

DPI addresses systemic inefficiencies in the damage prevention process through participant accreditation, performance measurement, and peer reviews. Launched in January 2023, the program has strong contractor participation — but greater operator involvement, particularly around facility mapping and GIS adoption, remains a key priority.

DPAC advances damage prevention through legislative advocacy, public awareness, 811 promotion, stakeholder partnerships, and industry training. As excavators now represent CGA's largest stakeholder group, the conversation has expanded well beyond "call before you dig" — with a growing focus on improved facility mapping by operators. This is a discussion worth showing up for.

Innovation & Technology Committee Wednesday, July 22

Panel Discussion: DCA Member Contractors & AI Solution Providers

Panel Topic: *Real-World AI Applications and Lessons from the Field*



What does AI actually look like on a job site? This panel cuts through the hype and gets straight to what matters — real tools, real results, and real lessons learned from contractors already deploying AI in the field. Panelists will cover what's working, what isn't, and where the technology is headed. Whether you're exploring AI for the first time or already mid-implementation, you'll leave with practical insight and a clearer path forward.



Insights



Utility Locators Highlight Improvements Needed in Damage Prevention Process

DCA has worked closely over the years with virtually all stakeholder groups that participate in the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), including the National Utility Locating Contractors Association (NULCA), which represents utility locating professionals across the United States. NULCA recently released a strong position paper describing fundamental problems that continue to hamper the damage prevention process. In this courageous and hopefully impactful statement, NULCA centers on the increasingly urgent need for systemic reform within the damage prevention industry, highlighting the tragic consequences that arise from a system “designed to fail.”

NULCA underscores the cost of human life when the damage prevention system fails, pointing to a 2025 gas explosion that resulted in the death of a 5-year-old boy in Lexington, Missouri. From a national perspective, NULCA asserts that the evidence — data and case studies — proves the current 811 system continues to face the same problems it has for decades. Key stakeholders must choose whether they are committed to fixing the problem or simply protecting the status quo that perpetuates these challenges.

Among the main points in NULCA's position paper are:

- Locating contractors have accepted contracts that are economically impossible to carry out at the level of quality demanded by the job under tight timelines.
- According to NULCA, “mapping must become a priority, not an afterthought. This is a foundational issue. There is no national standard for what a facility record must contain or how accurate it must be.”
- Recruiting and retaining qualified locating technicians is one of the most pressing problems in this industry. Workforce capacity challenges continue, and this is not limited to the contract locating industry. We need more talent in the field in virtually all sectors of construction, including excavation contractors, locators, and facility operators.
- Locating professionals should have seats at the table on one-call boards. While one-call boards have done a good job, including bringing in more excavation contractors as voting members, there is certainly room for more utility locators.

On the issue of over-notification, NULCA points out that in 2025, the 811 system processed more than 43.5 million incoming locating requests, generating some 265

million transmissions to facility operators. In one case, a single excavator submitted a ticket covering more than 460 million square feet (over 8,000 football fields), with a statutory obligation to get the job done in usually two or three business days.

According to NULCA, “[t]hat is not a ticket. That is an ambush.” NULCA also makes the point that when excavators are essentially “trained” to over-notify because of a lack of trust that locating responsibilities will be met, that’s exactly what they will do. Pointing to the ticket covering more than 460 million square feet, NULCA maintains that more time must be required for locating services for large-scale projects.

DCA appreciates NULCA’s position and released a statement in support of NULCA’s courageous statement soon after the paper was released.

Industry Again Pushes Senate to Move on Permit Reform

The issue of permit reform has been the top priority for the energy and construction industry for the past several years, and considerable progress has been made in the 119th Congress. Late last year the House of Representatives passed two important bills that would address permitting challenges related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA Sec. 401).

On February 18, a large national coalition of business groups led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to the Senate encouraging action on permit reform sooner rather than later during the second session of the 119th Congress. Praising the House for its efforts late last year, the coalition believes the House “efforts reflect a bipartisan recognition that our current permitting process is broken. Now, the Senate must build on that momentum and deliver meaningful reform that benefits families and communities nationwide.”

The letter describes the harsh consequences of neglecting to update current permitting processes. “These delays not only increase the financial burden of construction due to inflation and rising material and labor costs but also postpone the critical benefits that new and improved infrastructure brings to communities. Families and businesses are left waiting for safer roads, better public transit, improved drinking water access, more affordable energy, and access to high-speed internet — essentials that drive economic growth, improve public health, and enhance quality of life. Improving permitting processes will empower businesses and communities to invest in and deliver the infrastructure needed to address today’s challenges.”

The letter was sent on February 23 and was signed by 607 organizations, including 122 national associations, reflecting the sense of urgency related to this enduring challenge.

DCA Files Comments Related to CWA Section 401 Certification Process

In another effort to address permitting challenges, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently proposed a rule to revise implementation of CWA Sec. 401. The proposed rule would clarify the scope of water quality certifications and standardize procedures for states and authorized tribes. It would also establish timelines, define certification requirements, and limit CWA Sec. 401 reviews to water quality-related issues specified by the CWA.

In late February, DCA submitted comments in support of the proposed rule, stating that it “would restore Section 401 to its intended statutory purpose, provide greater regulatory certainty, and strengthen timely decision-making processes, all while maintaining robust water quality protections that are fundamental to the Clean Water Act.”

DCA supports the general concepts of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), especially provisions that would:

- Clarify that Section 401 certification decisions and conditions must be limited to water quality requirements.
- Prohibit withdrawal-and-resubmission practices that circumvent the CWA’s one-year deadline for certification decisions. Such practices have caused multi-year delays for federally authorized projects, inability to plan construction sequencing and labor deployment, and increased project costs and financing risk, all without any demonstrable improvement in water quality.
- Establish uniform requirements for a complete certification request and to clearly define when the statutory review period begins.

“EPA’s proposed rule updating the Water Quality Certification Regulations represents a necessary and constructive step toward restoring lawful, predictable, and effective implementation of CWA Section 401,” DCA said. “Clarifying the scope, enforcing statutory timelines, and standardizing procedures, the proposal would strengthen water quality protection while enabling timely delivery of essential energy infrastructure.”

The EPA intends for the rule to improve predictability in the permitting process for infrastructure and development projects. All too often, states oppose or simply delay a project application for political purposes rather than based on factors directly related to water quality.

Senate Republicans Take a Stand on OSHA Heat Standard

A first-of-its-kind proposed rule issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), titled “Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings,” was introduced in August 2025.

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The Biden-era proposed rule would mandate that all businesses, no matter their safety record, size, location, or industry, comply with onerous requirements on safety staffing, recordkeeping, and mandatory breaks at certain high-heat triggers that might present hazards for some workers. The rule applies to both outdoor and indoor workplaces.

The “one size fits all” proposal is inefficient, threatens job opportunities, and would hurt local businesses if enacted as currently written. In March of this year, Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chairman Bill Cassidy (R-LA), joined by 15 fellow Republican senators, sent a letter urging OSHA not to move forward with implementation of its heat standard. DCA appreciates Chairman Cassidy’s efforts.

This rule is by no means final, and DCA will continue to work with industry coalitions to throw out or at least significantly change the heat standard before a final rule is issued. A final rule is expected to be issued late 2026.

DCA Joins Multiple Industries to Push Pipeline Safety

Pipeline safety reauthorization has been a DCA priority over the past few years because of promising language related to state damage prevention programs included in pending legislation in both the House and Senate. A third bill was recently introduced in the House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee, and DCA quickly sent

a letter of support with multiple industry organizations representing not only construction contractors, but also national organizations such as the American Society of Civil Engineers, Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Plastics Pipe Institute, Laborers’ International Union of North America, and the United Association (UA).

The letter supports the “leading practices” included in the damage prevention section of the E&C Committee bill. These leading practices include examining and limiting exemptions, including municipal exemptions; requiring marking of all lines and laterals, including sewer lines and laterals; and encouraging the use of technologies to locate underground facilities, such as geographic information systems (GIS), which offer the most detailed and prolific pipeline mapping available.

The coalition is especially interested in expanding the use of GIS mapping. “A fundamental need is to document utilities properly and in a standardized fashion at the time of installation,” the letter states. “GIS mapping offers the best way to meet that need.”

DCA will continue to lead the effort toward enactment of pipeline safety legislation before the end of this year. Because organizations representing pipeline operators are also in full support of the damage prevention language, enacting this bill would present new opportunities for improvements to state damage prevention programs across the country. ▲



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The impact DCA has on the industry would not be possible if it were not for the dedicated volunteers who generously give their time, expertise, and passion to serve on our committees. We're especially grateful to those who step up into leadership roles as co-chairs and secretaries, guiding our committees with vision and commitment.

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Member News



Bob Darby

Industry Veteran Robert Darby Passes Away at 72

Born in Tulsa, Okla., Darby spent much of his life rooted in the city and built Darby Equipment Company into a business he viewed as a community as much as an enterprise. Known for valuing relationships over transactions, he developed lasting friendships with customers, employees and industry peers throughout a career closely tied to the drilling and underground construction sectors.

Darby was an active member of DCA for many years and served in several leadership roles, including Junior Associate Member Director for 2012–2013 and Senior Associate Member Director for 2014–2015. He also contributed to numerous committees, including the Associate Member Nominating, Recognition and Strategic Planning committees, as well as multiple scholarship and grant programs supporting workforce development and the next generation of underground infrastructure professionals.

Beyond his industry involvement, Darby supported community and education initiatives through the Ed Darby Foundation, where he participated in programs ranging from music recording sessions with Tulsa students to school chess clubs and holiday outreach. Colleagues remember him as a devoted family man, music enthusiast and outdoorsman whose presence at industry events and community gatherings left a lasting impression across the drilling and trenchless construction community.



Drilling Mud Direct Announces Partnership with Broadwater Capital

Drilling Mud Direct (“DMD”), a leading distributor of bentonite and drilling fluid products for the horizontal directional drilling, pipeline infrastructure, and civil construction markets, has announced a partnership with Broadwater Capital, an investment firm based in Fargo, North Dakota focused on growing founder-built businesses in the Greater Midwest. Founded in 2002 by Clint Pitman, DMD operates a nationwide stockpoint network and distributes bentonite, drilling fluid additives, shaker screens, solidification solutions, and related consumable products. The company’s affiliated entities — Freight Direct LLC and Pitbull Services LLC — provide integrated logistics and onsite mud engineering services.

“This partnership gives us the resources and strategic support to do more of what we’re already doing — serve our customers better, reach new markets, and invest in the capabilities that HDD and civil construction contractors increasingly need from their supply partners,” said Clint Pitman, Founder and CEO of DMD. “I am looking forward to leading a new and improved DMD into the future. For our customers, it is business as usual, but with more support, stockpoints, and technology. Our team is excited to take DMD to another level.”

Erik Barner, Founder and Managing Partner of Broadwater Capital, added: “Clint and his team have built something rare — a distribution business with genuine supplier relationships, logistics advantages, and a reputation for customer care that took decades to build. The HDD and civil construction markets are growing, and DMD is positioned at the center of that activity. We’re here to help the team capitalize on the opportunity ahead.” www.muddirect.net



KOBELCO

KOBELCO Introduces the SK1300DLC-11

We are pleased to introduce the new KOBELCO SK1300DLC-11 with a powerful 512 hp. Isuzu Tier 4F engine, a wide range of boom and arm combinations and is purpose built for building demolition. With variable front configurations this machine has a maximum reach of 130 feet. The machine's mass operating weight is

302,000 lbs. but can be disassembled for easy transport. The minimum transport weight of the base machine without the counterweight is 134,000 lbs. with no single component weight exceeding 39,800 lbs. making it easy to move the machine.

Built for Demolition: The machine comes with a separate demo digging front, 3-piece high reach, and 4-piece high reach multi-configuration front attachment. The high reach attachment comes with transport and storage stands, water spray system, electronic on-board lubrication system, quick hitch piping, boom and arm safety valves, 2-piece removable layered counterweight, removable track system with remote trans-lifter, energy saving ECO -Mode, in cab hydraulic pressure release, combination rotation and nibbler breaker with proportional hand controls, case drain line and filter, reversable fan, and has unlimited power boost mode (for Separate Boom Attachment).

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features with best-in-class cabin space and visibility. The operator's pilot levers move horizontally without arching of the wrist, while also providing shorter lever strokes to deliver a swifter, more precise movement. Built for demolition, the sound suppressed 300 tilting cabin comes with an emergency lowering system. Includes a 2700 camera system with switchable rear-under view camera or high reach attachment view, rear view mirrors, LED work lights, rear swing flashers, demolition Level II FOPS guard and bar type front guard, P5A safety glass, falling object deflector, cab interference prevention system, stability tip-over warning and public address speaker system for on the ground handsfree communication.

Multiple air conditioning and heater vents are directed towards the operator to maximize comfort. On the right-side console there is a jog dial that integrates multiple functions into a single user interface with the large 10-inch color monitor. This easy-to-operate menu screen facilitates reading of valuable information including work mode, maintenance intervals, and fuel consumption. To top it off, the cabin is equipped with an FM/AM, AUX,

Bluetooth, hands-free telephone radio, smartphone holder, USB charger, and a 12V power outlet.

Added Value: KOBELCO has decades of experience in building demolition and therefore includes more standard features. Kobelco built the machine with an unmatched ability to use larger tools at greater heights. The KOBELCO commitment to value and quality includes a standard limited full machine warranty of 3-years or 3000-hour and a 5-year or 3000-hour engine emission warranty. This warranty is provided through KOBELCO and their dealer network.

Engine Spec: This 512 hp. Isuzu 6WG1 engine meets current U.S EPA Tier 4F and E.U Stage V emission requirements. The engine features a 15.7-liter, in-line 6-cylinder, known for its power and reliability in demanding applications. The engine is commonly used in various heavy-duty trucks, construction, and other industrial equipment. KOBELCO also currently uses this model engine in our SK850LC-11 excavator. Engine parts and service are provided directly through KOBELCO and their dealer network. www.kobelco.com ▲

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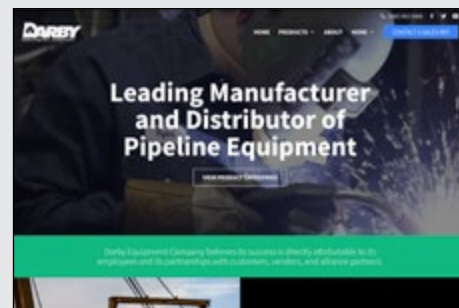


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