



2016 Inspection Plans

My meeting with MNOPS in their St. Paul offices on Jan. 14th was very productive. We were able to lay out a tentative schedule for inspections with the operators that MMUA works with. All municipals will have a Field & records inspection as we all expected. Also a DIMP effectiveness inspection will take place, this is new and I have not gone through one yet but I will in early Feb. I will give everyone a heads up after the first one has been completed. My sense is that it will be related to records that the DIMP requires you to keep such as:

Hits/1000 locates

Fitting failures identified in the plan

Accelerated actions your plan required:

1. More frequent leak surveys
2. More frequent cathodic surveys
3. Replacement or repair plans (follow through?)
4. Anything else you obligated yourself to?

Operations & Maintenance manual inspections for those that have not had one in the last 5 yrs.

Damage Prevention plan inspections for those who did not have one in 2015.

Drug & Alcohol plan inspections for those who did not complete one in 2015.

So everyone will have at least 2 inspections and a few of you lucky operators may have 3 and possible 4 inspections.

Every effort will be made to combine inspections where it is feasible to do so. Not all inspectors are qualified to do all inspections so it may require multiple inspectors to be at your facilities at one time. Or separate inspection days depending on schedules etc.

Fusion Re-qualifications

If you would like me to conduct your fusion re-qualifications please let me know ASAP so we can work it into the schedule.

Drug & Alcohol Plans

Pat Donovan from MNOPS has been contacting many of you to complete the Drug & Alcohol inspections. If you have any issues please contact me and if you have not contacted APGA yet please do.

APGA at 202-464-2742 and ask for Simon Cook to sign up.

Here Comes 2016 ready or not!



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