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Statement On Lead Pipe Replacement In Rhode Island

(Fairfax, Va.) -- The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) and our NUCA of Rhode Island chapter issued the following statement in response to the May 28 event publicizing lead pipe removal in Providence, RI:

“NUCA and America’s utility construction industry has been at the forefront in providing the solutions needed to address this serious health issue. Providing clean drinking water is a basic function of government, with authorities relying on this industry’s professionals to get the job done. Senators Reed and Whitehouse recognize replacing aging lead pipes is critical and we thank them for providing the resources required for this job,” said **Doug Carlson, NUCA Chief Executive Officer**.

“Our state’s utility contractors will be performing the work to dig up, safely remove, and dispose of these obsolete pipes. Our contractors will install modern replacement water lines to permanently address this hazard and provide clean drinking water to our state’s citizens. With our lawmaker’s help in acquiring the resources needed to fulfill this work, this industry will deliver real results for our community,” said **David Skurka, NUCARI President**.

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation’s intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association’s Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCADigs.

About the National Utility Contractors Association of Rhode Island (NUCARI)

NUCARI was founded in 1974 and is the state chapter of the National Utility Contractors Association. NUCARI can be found online at www.nucari.com.