

NEW 2011 PIPELAYER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

In 2007, the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that had significant impact on the plumbing industry in Minnesota.

- Beginning Dec. 1, 2007, all people – statewide – working at the business of plumbing must be licensed plumbers or registered apprentices. The one exception is those people who install sewer or water service pipes outside buildings who are certified with pipelaying training and have a \$25,000 plumbing code compliance bond filed with the Department of Labor and Industry.

New in 2011 – All Pipelayer Certification Cards issued by MUCA must have an expiration date. All MUCA certified pipelayers are now required to take a refresher course every three years.



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Dear Kevin:

I am writing to update you on a program that the Minnesota Utility Contractors Association, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry administers.

Under the Plumbing Code, those working in the business of plumbing must be licensed plumbers or registered apprentices. The only exception to this is for those who install sewer and water service pipes outside buildings that are certified with pipe laying training and have a compliance bond. MUCA is one of four entities that can certify pipelayer training for this requirement. As times change and the industry evolves, there is a growing need to have training change too. Our Board of Directors, at its October 1, 2009 meeting, approved a change to the way we administer our program here at MUCA. Starting in May of 2011, all pipelayer certifications must have an expiration date on the card and will require a refresher course every three years to obtain a new card.

We will inform communities across the state of this change and will begin offering the refresher course this winter. We wanted to make you and your enforcement team aware of this new change and look forward to working with DoLI as we work to create the highest standards for safety and training in Minnesota.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this change.

Best wishes,

DeAnn Stish
Executive Director