

Hello UCC,

As you are all aware we are closing in fast on the date that we had set aside and scheduled for our 2021 NC/SC UCC Joint Damage Prevention Conference. We eagerly await this time of learning, coordination and networking every year regardless of it being hosted by us or South Carolina. Last year we were faced with the tough decision to postpone/reschedule the conference due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While we hated to do that, it was a necessary must to prevent and protect all parties involved.

As we close in on this year's conference, we (The NCUCC Conference Committee) have been faced with another difficult decision. We were given the option to have the conference as scheduled, reschedule the conference to a later date, or cancel the conference all together. If we were to hold the conference as scheduled we are taking a major risk. A risk of not only not having enough attendees to fulfill the contract, but also taking a risk with spreading the COVID-19 virus. We have received a great amount of feedback as far as our conference is concerned and there is an overwhelming amount of our patrons whose companies, they represent will simply not allow them to travel at this time.

As Far as rescheduling the conference goes, last year when we rescheduled the conference, we never thought we would be facing this tough pandemic still. For the near future it seems there is no end in sight, so we would be taking a gamble rescheduling for later this year. Also, as far as rescheduling for later this year we fear it would hurt South Carolina's conference due to the closer proximity of the dates, and that is certainly something that is an undesirable for all parties involved.

As stated above, our last choice was to cancel the conference for 2021. While this is a hard decision to make, unfortunately this is the choice that we will be taking. We detest the thought of having to do this due to the amount of planning, and anticipation that our conference has consumed, however this is the only logical and correct choice for all parties involved.

We would like to thank all parties for your continued interest in the Conference as well as the UCC, and we look forward to bigger and brighter years. As for the NCUCC we ask that you would cast your full support on South Carolina UCC in hopes that we will successfully be able to join them for the 2022 Joint Conference.

Thank you so much for all you do to promote underground damage prevention.

- The NCUCC Conference Committee