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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With regards to insurance changes that took place earlier in the year, all members who have satisfied the eligibility requirement for Health and Welfare coverage should have received the following:

- United Healthcare card for Medical Benefits
- CVS/Caremark card for Pharmacy Service
- Dental Card from Benefits Consultants (BCI)
- No card is required for the Vision Service. Your eye doctor can verify your eligibility online from their office.

The following can be done online if you have access to a computer:

- Register online at myuhc.com to see:
 1. Claims
 2. Who is on your insurance
 3. Print temporary ID Card
 4. Find Doctors for area you are in
- Register at vsp.com to see entire vision plan and find eye doctors in your area
- Register at caremark.com to:
 1. Order prescriptions
 2. Check status of order
 3. Locate Pharmacy
 4. See cost of prescription
 5. Print card

If you have met your eligibility requirements (3 months of 115 hours or more in each month) and have not received your cards, please contact the Union office in Anderson at 765-643-5112. In order for any correspondence to be efficient, it is very important that you notify our office when you have a change of address or have new phone numbers.

The work outlook for the remainder of 2008 is very positive. All of our Contractors are looking for qualified Level II Technicians. If you are working as Level I, and have the experience, work ethic and desire to advance to Level II, the opportunities have never

been greater. If you are working as Level I RT and you have not obtained your ASNT and/or STATE card for Radiation Safety, you need to make plans to do that later this year or early next year. We currently have jobs that cannot be filled because our Contractors need "carded" helpers. The Training Schedule will be posted in the near future and if you do not have your Radiographer Certification, it would be to your benefit to enroll in a Radiation Safety class prior to your examination. The next scheduled test in Oklahoma is October 15, 2008 and your application deadline is September 12, 2008.

Some of our Contractors are mailing paperwork to the field pertaining to the FBI background check. If you receive such paperwork please take the time to complete and mail back to your employers office. It is mandatory that the required documentation be on file with your employer and we ask your cooperation on this matter.

For some of our new members, there has been confusion relating to monthly dues versus working dues. When you are employed, the dues deduction on your check reflects working/administrative dues. In addition, there is a monthly due (\$15.00/Level I and \$20.00/Level II) that is the responsibility of the member and can be paid in quarterly (3-6 -9 or 12 month) amounts. The monthly dues go directly to the Local and can be paid with a check or money order.

I know the majority of you are working long hours to keep up with the workload and you enjoy your limited time off and everyone enjoys an "early quit", but we have had reports of a few individuals making the decision on their own to leave jobsites early with welds that still need to be shot that day. We consider ourselves "Professionals" and we should conduct our business as "Professionals". Simply put, if we are being paid to be on the jobsite, we should be there.

If you are dispatched and/or commit to a contractor to do a job, you need to fulfill that commitment and complete the job. I know there will always be some situations arise that prevent this but on the whole, we need to finish what we start. There have been some instances this year where an individual has committed to work a project and when contacted by the employer to report for work, they inform the employer that they are working for another signatory contractor and are not available for work. This leaves the Contractor short of manpower and the Union scrambling to find a replacement.

We have had some recent changes regarding signatory contractors that I would like to update you on. The following excerpt is from the July 1, Pipeline Intelligence Report. "Applus, one of the ten largest certification companies announced the acquisition of JanX Integrity Group. JanX's headquarters are located in Parma, MI with supporting offices throughout the U.S. John Newland, founder and director of JanX will continue to manage the operation of the company and will become part of the Applus RTD senior management team in the U.S." We congratulate John on the sale and are pleased that he will continue to manage the operation of JanX.

In May, we signed a new contractor to our agreement. The new company, Waggoner Services is located in West Monroe, LA. Scotty Waggoner is President. We look forward to working with Scotty. All Local 112 Signatory Contractors are listed on our website.

We have put together a CD for Film Interpretation, made possible through the purchase of a film imager at a cost of \$70,000.00. The approval by the NDE Trustees to purchase this piece of equipment shows your Training Fund's continuing commitment to providing you with the training necessary to improve your skills. The CD is compatible with your windows viewing program on your laptop or PC and will allow you to enlarge images. For those learning to interpret, we have put several radiographs with defects identified properly to assist in your training. We have also put 50 radiographs that are not identified to allow an individual to test their interpretation. In addition, we have reference charts for RT, MT, PT, UT that have basic formulas and other useful information for each particular method. In the near future we would like to make some gamma ray exposure charts available to you. If you would like a CD or reference chart, please call the office 765-643-5112 and Shelley will get your mailing information.

We will be working with UT Contractors to see if we can produce a CD of strip charts to aid those individuals working with manual and AUT. The NDE Training Site has 1 automated system and 2 handsets capable of phased array and will expand on our present training in these areas. As few as 18 months ago, we had 5 Local 112 members qualified to run AUT systems. At end of this year we should have 20 Local 112 members qualified to run AUT systems and looking to double that number in the future. UT Contractors and the Union have worked together to make this happen.

We are hoping to implement a new training concept during this coming month. We are in discussions with Contractors to place "Field Trainers" in certain situations. This concept would allow some of our more experienced technicians the opportunity to mentor and help prepare new technicians for the many situations they will encounter while running a unit. The work ethic and knowledge of our senior members are something that cannot be learned from a book and if we can help instill this in our up and coming technicians, the Union and Contractors will both benefit.


When you receive this letter, you should be able to log onto our website at www.iuoelocal112.com and see a list of proposed pipeline projects. We will try and update this information periodically so you can check on industry news relating to new and current pipeline projects. We all know that projects can get cancelled at a moments notice but based on the current information it looks as if our work outlook is very positive.

Enclosed is your new Local 112 pin. The 2006 across the front reflects the year we were chartered and the U.S. represents our jurisdiction for NDE. In the future we may look at a pin in the shape of equipment particular to our industry e.g. crawler, gamma camera, rig, scanner, etc.

Randall, Tony, and I will be out visiting some of the many jobsites during the next 90 days. If you have a photo of some of our members on the job that you would like to share, please forward and we will try and post on the website.

On a sad note, we lost two longtime members this past month. Brother Sam Caywood passed away on July 23, 2008 and Brother Jim Barnett passed away on July 29, 2008. Many of you worked on jobs with Sam or Jim and have fond memories of good times that will come to mind. Please remember their families in their time of sorrow.

Fraternally,


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