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**Statewide Utility Contractors Association Awards  
Shavertown Company Third Consecutive Annual Safety Award**

**Harrisburg, PA (October 22, 2016)** -- The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) Pennsylvania announced today that Fehlinger Construction Group, LLC of Shavertown has been awarded the association's 2016 Safety Award for large-sized companies (greater than 150,000 man hours).

It was the third consecutive NUCA-Pennsylvania safety award for Fehlinger, which won in 2014 in the medium company category (50,000-150,000 man hours), and in 2015 in the large company category.

Fehlinger Construction, which also has an office in Mechanicsburg, earned the 2016 safety award based upon the company's excellent safety record, as well as its safety programs, communication, training and education.

"Once again, we are truly honored," said company Safety Officer Robert Samanas. "To have the excellent safety record we do with that many man hours and no serious injuries over a more than one year period is really something, and even more noteworthy to have done it repeatedly."

NUCA Pennsylvania has an extensive set of criteria and a thorough review process of safety practices that it employs to select its safety award winners.

Fehlinger is a family owned utility construction company operating in Pennsylvania and surrounding states. The firm offers a wide variety of services in the oil and natural gas industry and in the general utility construction industry.

In the oil and gas division, among the services the company provides are pipeline installations, and construction of compressor stations, metering stations and pump stations, as well as construction of compressor pads, drilling pads, water transfer pads, water transfer stations, water intake systems, expansion dams and water impoundments, and well hookups and fabrication.

In its sewer and water division, Fehlinger constructs water and sewer pipelines for both municipalities and private companies, and water and sewer treatment plants and pump stations.

The company was formed in 2009 by Herb Fehlinger, PLS, who is the company president, and Chuck Fehlinger, Esq., company vice-president. Both have extensive and diverse experience in the utility construction industry.

Fehlinger is committed to ensuring that each and every project is completed safely. As the company states: "At Fehlinger Construction, safety is not an idea, but rather a culture."

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All employees are given proper training to perform their job functions, including operator training and OSHA-certified training. The company also hires independent, retired OSHA inspectors to conduct regular safety audits on all job sites, has regular safety committee meetings to discuss procedures and to update safety practices and has initiated an equipment safety program to ensure all equipment is working properly and safely.

Samanas said that another important step the company had initially taken in 2015 and has continued is to form a company-wide safety committee, encompassing every arm of the company, that meets monthly to discuss safety issues and procedures.

“That committee is the eyes and ears of safety in the company, and it is working very well,” Samanas said.

Fehlinger is also a member of ISNetworld to ensure that its health and safety programs meet or exceed industry standards.

NUCA Pennsylvania is a non-profit statewide trade association comprised of nearly 300 heavy highway contractors and suppliers specializing in sewer and water infrastructure construction. For more information about NUCA Pennsylvania, visit the website at [www.nucapa.org](http://www.nucapa.org).

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