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NUCA Supports PERMIT Act

Applauds Passage In House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

(Fairfax, Va.) -- The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) issued the following statement by NUCA Vice President of Government Affairs Zack Perconti on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's passage of H.R. 3898, the Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act:

"NUCA strongly supports the PERMIT Act. Fixing the broken permitting process used to build our nation's infrastructure projects must be a top priority for Congress. Too many of our industry's projects run into seemingly endless delays caused by uncertain timelines, driving up costs."

"The PERMIT Act reform package introduced by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee majority will streamline the federal permitting process and deliver predictability to a project's timelines. This legislation cuts red tape, streamlines permit reviews, and provides greater regulatory certainty under Clean Water Act permitting processes. These bills will establish clear boundaries between agencies and mandate predictable timelines. For too many projects, endless delays caused by unnecessary permit requirements added cost and delayed the completion of these water and wastewater projects."

"All of this legislation should lead to a streamlined federal permitting process, which our industry recognizes it is in dire need of reform. Without permitting reform, our members won't be able to meet project timelines and goals derived from recent federal infrastructure investments if Congress does not fix the permitting process."

"NUCA believes that the PERMIT Act can build the foundation for final legislation that will be satisfactory to all stakeholders and meet the needs of American utility infrastructure. Our members strongly support House and Senate action on permitting reform legislation and urge passage of a strong and bipartisan permitting reform package as soon as possible."

"The PERMIT Act and other regulatory reform bills will help modernize or rebuild our nation's infrastructure, strengthen supply chains, and create jobs and economic strength while maintaining environmental protections for clean water."

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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 <u>www.nuca.com</u>, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.