

## **CWA District 3 Occupational Safety and Health Conference Call**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

### **Announcements:**

Beginning January 1, 2024, Staff Representative Isa Shabazz will be the primary Point of Contact for District 3 OS&H issues, including conducting the quarterly OS&H call. Staff Representative David Betz will assist Isa and be an additional POC for District 3 OS&H issues.

The CWA Occupational Safety and Health Department has requested that all Districts report the use of the chemical trichloroethylene (TCE) by their represented employers. Local and/or State OS&H committees should inspect their employers' Safety Data Sheets (SDS) to see if they use TCE. If so, Locals should ask the employer for what purpose and whether they have provided training for working with TCE. Locals should forward responses to the appropriate CWA District 3 State Staff Representative.

### **Participant Reports:**

Local 3611 reports that management told Utility Operations employees in Raleigh to locate power and gas utilities if they are not already located and marked, and to proceed to bury wire once they have done so. Local 3403 reported that management initially told them to do the same in Baton Rouge, but they were subsequently told it was unsafe and *not* to do that by the Company's Safety Manager.

Local 3908 reported they are still having issues with power companies and contractors performing pole transfer work which leads to unsafe conditions in addition to contract violations. Local 3808 reports they are having the same issues.

### **Next Call:**

The date and time of the next District 3 OS&H conference call is To Be Determined.