

NEWS & VIEWS

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February 6th @ PGE Wilsonville Yearly Utility Update

Thursday,
11:30am,
February 6th
ORACCA
meeting

The **Utility Update meeting** is scheduled to be held at The PGE Training Center located in Clackamas Community College, 29353 Town Center Loop E, Wilsonville, OR 97070 at 11:30AM, Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Lunch is being provided by PGE, so bring your appetite and join your fellow HVAC contractors to network and hear about these exciting programs.

UTILITY UPDATE

This meeting will include the annual Utility Update on incentives and other programs being offered by the various entities involved.

Tim Treadwell, Senior Product Development Specialist and Testbed Program Manager with Portland General Electric will bring you up to date on the programs being offered by PGE for area contractors.

A representative from NW Natural, will discuss the RNG (renewable Natural Gas) program.

We will also have multiple representatives from Energy Trust of Oregon. Nate Collins,

Multifamily, Alex Snook, Commercial and Eric Falk, Residential.

Chris Smith, with Trade Ally Network NW, will introduce this entity to the attendees.

All of whom will have specific information on the incentives and programs offered by their respective entities.

IMPORTANT - New Refrigerants Discussion by Travis Smith

A global push toward sustainable refrigeration can pose flammability & toxicity risks. Are you aware of the potential hazards of the new refrigerants?

The 2L class was added to express the lower flammability properties of many of the new unsaturated HFCs (sometimes referred to as HFOs) and other refrigerants with similar flammability properties, such as R-32.

When A2L products are stored and transported, they are classified as an extremely flammable gas, much the same as acetylene and MAP gas, commonly used by the industry for brazing.

There should be no significant changes required to vehicles that transport A2L refrigerants, but there should be some form of ventilation and signage to inform authorities if there is an accident.

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What? **Utility Update** **New Refrigerants**

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Did You Know ...



Membership with ORACCA is a benefit for all members of the company!

To help keep your team well-informed with important industry news, special member perks and discounts, as well as training workshops and webinars opportunities -- we encourage our member companies to make all of their employees aware of ORACCA updates.

There are many benefits of an ORACCA membership. **Here are the top several mentioned by existing members.**

- 1. Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ORACCA members help fellow members to be successful**
- 2. Training discounts. Brazing Certification, NATE Certification, Manuals J, D, S and T Certification, CFC certification. Special pricing for members more than offsets the cost of membership.**
- 3. Medical insurance coverage. The ORACCA Health plan offers plans that could more than pay for your ORACCA membership.**
- 4. Many of our educational monthly meetings qualify for either NATE CEU's and/or CCB CE's**
- 5. Quarterly meetings with Oregon Code officials. Get your code enforcement questions answered here.**

Additional reason for membership are:

- Company membership applies to all employees of your firm
- Access to local experts from NW Natural, PGE, ETO and Local and State Building Code Division personnel for your technical and code questions.
- Monthly meetings with informative presentations that benefit both the Contractor and Supplier.
- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
- Reduced rates on materials, conferences, and training.



ORACCA distributes NEWS & VIEWS on a monthly basis to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ORACCA provides. Contributions or suggestions can be faxed to Association Headquarters at 503-914-1999 or emailed to dick@oracca.org

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On-Demand Training /Testing. This means the tests are scheduled with both your availability and that of the the Proctor in mind. Once you feel comfortable to take the test, a date and place are set up through the ORACCA office. Call 360-824-3805 for information. These on demand trainng/testing sessions include the following:

EPA 608 CFC Training/Test - Now Available!
NATE Training/Test Core, Gas Heat and Heat Pump

Brazing Certification Test,

March 20, 2020, PCC @ Swan Island Facility

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