

Excavator Safety **Seminars!** 2012

Must Attend Safety Events



NEW YORK'S MOST IMPORTANT UNDERGROUND SAFETY EVENT

Keynote Speaker Cliff Meidl Highlights the 2012 Dig Safely New York Excavator Safety Seminars.

Learn about Cliff's devastating construction accident, his difficult recovery, and his dramatic rise to olympic stardom.



Register Now For This Free Event



Code Rule 753 was amended January 4, 2011. Learn how this amendment and the addition of APR will impact you.

New York State's Premier Underground Damage Prevention Safety Training Series will be hosted by Dig Safely New York, Inc. for the 6th straight year!



KEVIN HOPPER, OPERATIONS MANAGER, DIG SAFELY NEW YORK, INC.

I am truly excited to invite you to attend one of our **NINE Free Excavator Safety Seminars** during the month of **March**. The locations are throughout the state and I hope you can find a convenient location site in your area. This is the 6th straight year of hosting these important safety events and the 2012 program provides reasons to attend unlike any previous year.

First, NYCRR Part 753 was amended January 4th 2012; and part of the amendment is the inclusion of Automated Positive Response (APR). Learn how APR will work and when you can expect it to be available in NY State. Make sure you find out the latest requirements so you don't get left behind. Excavators who know the law make better excavators!

Automated Positive Response (APR) system: a system established by the one-call notification system to furnish a single point of contact between member operators and excavators for the purpose of communicating the status of an excavation location request as provided by the member operators.

Secondly, Dig Safely New York, Inc. is excited to introduce **Cliff Meidl, USA Olympian**, who experienced a life altering electrical related accident while operating a jackhammer. Cliff will tell his inspiring story and truly provide perspective for safety.

The seminars will also feature presentations regarding underground utility damage prevention, exhibitors, utility demonstrations, industry technology, safety equipment and much more. Please take a moment to view the information in this invitation and register today for an Excavator Safety Seminar near you.

In addition to the benefits you will receive from the above, you will have the opportunity to obtain continuing education credits if you are in various professions. NYS Department of Health Water Operator CEU and DEC waste water (sewer) CEU credits will be available at all nine events. Dig Safely New York will once again offer this opportunity for attendees by completing separate sign-in sheets. In order to receive credit, you must have an operator's license number established. Please remember to bring your operator's license number with you. NYS Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Architect and Landscape Architect to whom this will be applicable and Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional credits will be available.



**PHILLIPE BOCARRA AND CLIFF MEIDL
AT THE SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES**

I hope you will attend one of these events so you can prepare yourself and those you work with for a truly safe excavation season in 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kevin Hopper'.

Kevin Hopper
Operations Manager



IPAD Giveaway!

**EACH ATTENDEE WILL BE REGISTERED TO WIN A
FREE I-PAD 2 COURTESY OF ERIC GIGUERE,
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Seminar Agenda:

7:15 – 7:45 **REGISTRATION**

8:00 – 8:10 **INTRODUCTIONS**

8:10 – 8:40 **AUTOMATED POSITIVE RESPONSE (APR)**



The NYS Code Rule was amended recently and this presentation will highlight how these changes will affect you both now and in the future.



8:40 – 9:10 **DIG SAFELY NEW YORK, INC. PRESENTATION**

Dig Safely New York, Inc. will provide insight in the one-call process and safe excavation practices. The representatives will dig into the responsibilities of the excavator, facility operator, and the one call center.

9:10 – 10:00 **UTILITY AWARENESS (UTILITY SPONSORS)**

Utility protection is the name of the game! During the utility awareness portion of our show, our member utilities will have representatives discussing their specific company as well as a variety of safe digging practices in and around their facilities.

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**

10:15 – 11:45 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER, CLIFF MEIDL, OLYMPIC FLAG BEARER**

Hear the story of Cliff Meidl and how he was injured during an excavation and the steps taken before and after this terrible life altering event.

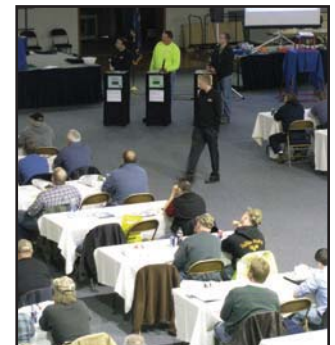
11:45 – 12:00 **MORNING RECAP**

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 – 2:00 **THE PREMIER UTILITY SERVICES EXCAVATOR JEOPARDY!**



Premier Utility Services is proud to once again present Excavator Jeopardy. This will be a contest, inspired by the game show, pitting three area excavators against each other regarding knowledge everyone in the excavation business should know. The contestants will be competing for knowledge, respect, and some great prizes. Our audience will also be involved and associated with a contestant. If their guy wins, they win as well!



2:00 – 2:15 **CLOSING AND RAFFLE**

Vendor Demonstrations are available during breaks and at the end of the day

"We have attended the Dig Safely New York seminars for several years now. On average, we send approximately 30 to 40 personnel ranging from management to field personnel. It is our belief the presentations and vendor displays have been beneficial keeping our department up to speed not only with the latest products but also real life experiences that pertain to our everyday functions."

George McAvinney, Monroe County Department of Environmental Services Supervisor, Collections Field Management

Keynote Speaker, Cliff Meidl



When American kayaker Cliff Meidl led his United States Olympian teammates onto the field at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, nearly two billion viewers around the world were watching this young man from Manhattan Beach, California. Many of these viewers learned of Meidl's courageous rehabilitation and recovery from a tragic construction accident that occurred in 1986.

Meidl had jackhammered into three buried power lines that sent approximately 30,000 volts of electricity shooting through him. Meidl suffered three cardiac arrest episodes in the aftermath and was "gone" for more than two minutes before medics revived him. That powerful jolt was enough to kill several men, but somehow Cliff Meidl clung to life. "I guess I just had more to do in my life" he recalls.

Meidl endured a total of 15 surgical procedures in five years and spent more than six years on crutches while he worked toward rebuilding his life. The accident disintegrated one-third of both knee joints and severely burned his back and skull. In addition, the accident nearly forced the amputation of his legs. However, Meidl was able to save his legs through an innovative surgical procedure that removed portions of his calf muscles for attachment onto the remaining knee joints. After Meidl's knees had sufficiently healed, he used physical therapy to overcome his injuries.

At first, Meidl turned to canoeing and kayaking for the therapeutic value. However, he quickly excelled in these sports and thrived on his ability to compete with others in an equal setting. As a result, he threw himself into an aggressive weight lifting and conditioning regimen that enabled him to compete at the highest level. After years of hard work and dedication to his new sport of flatwater kayaking, Cliff began to make his dream of becoming an Olympian a reality.

In 1995, Meidl won a gold, silver and bronze medal in his kayaking events at the U.S. Olympic Festival in Denver. As they say, the rest is history. Meidl made two U.S. Olympic teams, a feat that only fifteen percent of all Olympians accomplish and, more importantly, he has inspired a nation in the process. Today, the 44-year-old financial analyst is enjoying his latest challenge--inspiring audiences. He is now sharing his inspirational story with diverse audiences all across the U.S.

Meidl has served as the national spokesperson for the Construction Safety Council and has recorded several national public service announcements and videos featured on television & radio stations across the United States. In addition, Meidl also served as national media spokesperson for the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

Finally, Meidl is the proud recipient of a number of prestigious awards for courage. He received the ARETE Award, the Philadelphia Sportswriters' Courage in Sports Award and the "Patsy Choco Award" from the Los Angeles Marathon. In 2003, Cliff was selected as an initial Olympian honoree of the Olympian Heroes series that features 20 of the most inspirational U.S. Olympians. Meidl is also involved with his community as a Board Member of the El Camino Community College Foundation and also partners with various community foundations such as the Southern California Special Olympics and Why Can't We Make a Difference.org. Meidl received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Cal State University Long Beach and has an MBA Degree from the University of Southern California. During the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, Meidl represented the U.S. Olympic Team as Team Leader for Flatwater Canoe & Kayak.



2012 Excavator Seminar Locations and Utility Sponsors:

MARCH 13 DEPEW, NY • HEARTHSTONE • 333 DICK ROAD

Directions: From East and North of Buffalo, I90 West to Exit 51E-Rt.33 to Airport. Exit Rt. 33 at Dick Rd. left to Hearthstone Manor.

From the West and South of Buffalo, I-90 East to Exit 51E-Rt. 33 to Airport. Exit Rt. 33 at Dick Rd.; left to Hearthstone Manor.

The Utility Sponsors below will have representatives discussing damage prevention issues specific to their company as well as a variety of safe digging practices in and around their specific underground facilities.



MARCH 14 ROCHESTER, NY • DIPLOMAT BANQUET CENTER • 1956 LYELL AVENUE



FROM THE EAST - 490 W to 390 N to the Lyell Ave Exit #21. Make a right onto Lyell Ave. The Diplomat will be on your left just past a Sunoco Gas Station. OR FROM THE WEST - 490 E to Mt Read Blvd. Take Mt Read exit north. Turn left onto Lyell. The Diplomat will be on your right just past a Hess Gas Station.

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MARCH 15 WATKINS GLEN, NY • WATKINS GLEN COMMUNITY CENTER • 155 SOUTH CLUTE PARK DR

Directions: From the North take NYS Thruway 90 to Rt. 14 South to the southern side of Seneca Lake; turn east onto E. 4th St/Rt. 414 then South onto Boat Launch Rd. From the Northeast or Southwest take Rt. 414 to Boat Launch Rd.

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2012 Excavator Seminar Locations and Utility Sponsors:

MARCH 20 MALONE, NY • MO'S PUB AND GRILL • 3357 STATE ROUTE 11

Directions: From the South take either Rt. 11B, Rt. 30, or Co Hwy 25 North to Rt. 11. From the North, take Rt. 37 south to Co Hwy 51 to Rt. 11 or Rt. 30 South to Rt. 11

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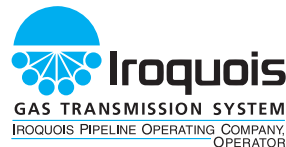


MARCH 21 UTICA, NY • SUNY IT FIELD HOUSE • 880 WILDCAT DRIVE



Directions: From I90 Take Exit 31/Utica. After toll, bear right onto N. Genesee St. and stay in right lane. Turn right at light and immediately turn right onto ramp for West I-790/Rtes. 5/8/12/Rte. 49. Travel 1.5 miles and take the Edic Road exit. Go straight at the light and continue for about a half-mile; turn right at the Edic Road campus entrance.

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MARCH 22 LIVERPOOL, NY • HOLIDAY INN • 441 ELECTRONICS PKWY

Directions: I90 to Exit 37; turn left at Electronics Pkwy and right into parking lot. From I81 take 7th North St exit (#25) northwest, Holiday Inn is at end of 7th North St.

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2012 Excavator Seminar Locations and Utility Sponsors:

MARCH 27 MIDDLETOWN, NY • BROOKSIDE MANOR • 2257 GOSHEN TURNPIKE

Directions: Take 184 to Exit 4 E; onto Rt. 17 to Exit 122 at end of ramp make a right onto Crystal Run Rd, follow to end, left onto Goshen Tnpk., Brookside manor is on the left.

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MARCH 28 FISHKILL, NY • RAMADA INN • 542 ROUTE 9



Directions: From I84, to Exit 13; go north on Rt.9 and Ramada Inn is on your right.

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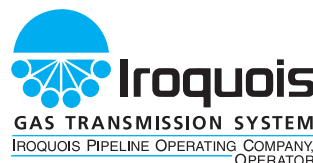


MARCH 29 ALBANY, NY • POLISH COMMUNITY CENTER • 225 WASHINGTON AVE. EXT.

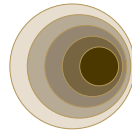
Directions: I-90 WEST - Take EXIT 7 Fuller Road, take a left at the traffic light and then a right on to Washington Ave. Ext.

OR I-90 EAST - Take Exit 24 to I-90 east. Take Washington Ave. Exit. Turn right. Proceed on Washington Ave. Ext. to traffic light at Rapp Road. Turn right. Take immediate left into Polish Community grounds.

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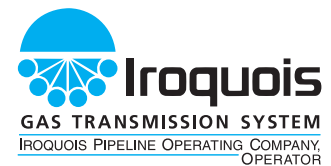


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AUTOMATED POSITIVE RESPONSE (APR)

STATE OF NEW YORK

Public Service Commission

Garry A. Brown, Chairman

Kevin Hopper will discuss the regulation changes related to Automated Positive Response (APR).

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STRONGER PROTECTIONS FOR UNDERGROUND SERVICES

Changes Made to One-Call Excavation Notification System —

Albany, NY—12/15/11—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today adopted amendments to its rules and regulations concerning protection of underground facilities. Revisions include permitting the use of an Automated Positive Response (APR) system by the state's One-Call Notification System to furnish a single point of contact between operators of underground facilities and excavators for the purpose of communicating the status of an excavator's request for operators to mark the location of their underground facilities at the excavator's digging site.

"Damage to utility facilities caused during excavation can result in loss of utility service, personal injury and property damage," said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. "It is critical that all New Yorkers do their part in protecting vital infrastructure by using the state's One-Call System; and that communications among affected users of the One-Call Notification System be efficient as possible."

New York State established the One-Call Notification System as a fast, easy and comprehensive way to ensure underground facilities are properly marked before a digging or excavation project begins. The One-Call Notification System can be accessed by dialing 811. Today's action by the Commission should greatly enhance the effectiveness of the state's One-Call Notification System.

The following amendments to the state's One-Call Notification System were adopted by the Commission to protect the public's safety and general welfare, and include, among others, the following:

Implementation and access to an APR system will help facilitate communications between excavators and underground facilities operators. Access to the APR will be available at any times by a toll-free phone call or via the Internet to query the status of an underground facility location mark-out. This action should alleviate wasted time and financial loss by excavators waiting for 'positive responses' from one or more operators as to the location of their underground facilities.

All regions of New York State are now serviced by the 911 call centers and each call center is equipped to handle appropriate notifications to emergency responders. Therefore, in the event of an emergency, excavators need only call 911, rather than two separate notifications to local police and fire departments.

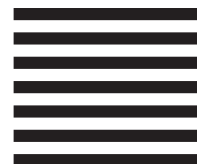
Today's decision by the Commission, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission's Documents section of the www.dps.ny.gov Web site and entering Case 10-M-0466 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number." Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).



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- FAX TO:** (315) 437-2621
- MAIL TO:** Dig Safely New York, Inc. 5063 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse, NY 13057
- EMAIL TO:** ess@digsafelynewyork.com

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Additional Attendees: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION

Please check off the event you will attend:

<input type="checkbox"/>	March 13	Buffalo, NY	Hearthstone	333 Dick Road
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 14	Rochester, NY	Diplomat Banquet Center	1956 Lyell Avenue
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 15	Watkins Glen, NY	Watkins Glen Community Center	155 South Clute Park Drive
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 20	Malone, NY	Mo's Pub and Grill	3357 State Route 11
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 21	Utica, NY	SUNY IT	Wildcat Drive
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 22	Liverpool, NY	Holiday Inn	441 Electronics Pkwy
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 27	Middletown, NY	Brookside Manor	2257 Goshen Turnpike
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 28	Fishkill, NY	Ramada Inn	542 Route 9
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 29	Albany, NY	Polish Community Center	225 Washington Ave. Ext.



PREMIER UTILITY SERVICES EXCAVATOR JEOPARDY

Back by popular demand! Once again Premier Utility Services is proud to host Excavator Jeopardy! Last year's breakout phenomenon to test the knowledge of excavators across the state will bring new questions and prizes for any three excavators interested in proving that they have what it takes to be a champion. Also each member of the audience will be associated with one of the contestants. If their contestant is victorious they will also receive a gift.

If you would like to be considered as a contestant for the Premier Utility Services Excavator Jeopardy for the seminar you are attending, please print your name and phone number here:

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____