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PVC Pipe Is Not Hazardous Waste
*NUCA Urges EPA To Deny 2014 Petition To Misclassify
Safe And Common Drinking Water Pipes*

(Fairfax, Va.) – *The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement urging the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) to reject the Center For Biological Diversity's 2014 petition affecting polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe usage by the utility construction industry:*

"This misguided petition to the EPA refuses to recognize the environmentally safe nature of PVC pipe. PVC pipe is used every day in this industry to deliver to millions of American homes and businesses safe, clean drinking water. It is absurd to then claim these pipes suddenly become hazardous waste after being used in construction activities and are not fit to be recycled or managed as solid waste."

"The evidence shows PVC neither leaches chemicals like lead, cadmium, BPA, or plasticizers, nor pose major hazards in its manufacture, use, and disposal. Since its first use over 60 years ago, PVC pipe remains one of the safest and most tested materials used in America. It meets or exceeds all required health and safety standards and regulations governed by the federal government's safe drinking water laws. EPA ensures its safety through mandatory regular testing. Even the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Consumer Product Safety Commission have confirmed that PVC is a safe product for water delivery."

"NUCA and America's utility construction industry resounding urge the EPA to deny the Center's outdated 2014 petition to regulate discarded PVC pipe as hazardous waste."

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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

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