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Focused Education for Asset Owners a Highlight at WJTA 2019

July 26, 2019, St. Louis, MO – WJTA is launching a new asset owner education track at WJTA 2019 to offer plant personnel (representatives of petrochemical plants, refineries, power plants, pulp and paper mills, oil and gas midstream, steel mills, mining locations, etc.) an opportunity to understand the current and future state of industrial cleaning safety. The interactive nature of the educational program allows participants to network at a high level and stay informed and engaged with WJTA’s evolving best practices guidelines for hydroblasting and vacuum loading in North America and other parts of the world.

With input from experienced asset owners, contractors and OEMs, Organizing Committee Chair Giao Lam of Dow Chemical has introduced the new track of educational sessions geared directly towards owner safety personnel, permit writers, maintenance/turnaround planners and operations (attendance is limited to asset owners). The sessions, which take place on November 12, include topics on:

- Understanding the need for global hydroblasting principles
- Why asset owners need to know cleaning basics
- Case study on the use of automated equipment to reduce confined space entry and line-of-fire hazards
- Bottom line success stories on cost savings

Finally, a panel discussion open to all Conference/Expo participants, “Asset Owners, Contractors and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs): Call for Strategic Collaboration and Innovative Thinking,” will also be held on November 12. Bill Krupowicz, Jetstream of Houston, LLP;

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Jimmy Peck, MPW Industrial Services; Alan Smith, BASF; and Moderator Kerry Siggins, StoneAge, Inc., will explore how asset owners, contractors and OEMs can come together to create safer, more productive ways of using high pressure water to clean.

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The WaterJet Technology Association (WJTA), formed in 1983, is a professional association providing service, education, and representation to members, including contractors, asset owners, manufacturers, researchers, and educators in the waterjetting, industrial cleaning, and industrial vacuum equipment industries. The WJTA is dedicated to promoting safety, facilitating communication, fostering trade and promoting the waterjet industry. To address the needs of WJTA members with an active interest in high pressure cleaning and industrial vacuuming technology, WJTA formed a special interest group, the Industrial & Municipal Cleaning Association (IMCA), in 2009. The addition of the IMCA expanded the scope of the WJTA to include technologies used in conjunction with waterjets in industrial and municipal applications. A major aim of the association is to educate members, their employees, and all users of the technology regarding safety and best practices. WJTA developed safety manuals and videos to help people ensure a safe and productive work environment for workers and site visitors. The WJTA Medical Alert Card offers guidance for physicians and emergency medical personnel treating waterjet injuries. The WJTA keeps members abreast of the latest developments in products, equipment, applications, industry news, and on-the-job safety in a variety of ways: the *Jet News* newsletter, eblasts and social media channels, a regularly updated website, and conferences and expos.