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#### **1.0 PURPOSE** **(192.614)**

It is the purpose of this section to provide safe and appropriate procedures for locating and marking pipelines.

#### **1.1 SCOPE**

This practice covers the following:

- A. Locating Requirements.
- B. Operation and procedures for Locating Pipelines.
- C. Marking Pipeline Locations.
- D. Pipeline Markers.

#### **1.2 RESPONDING TO LOCATION REQUESTS**

- A. State law requires that the Operator of buried gas facilities actively participate in a “One Call System” where available.
- B. Federal Standards have been adopted establishing the appropriate color for marking each utility location. The standard for natural gas is **YELLOW**.
- C. The gas utility and other utility operators are responsible under the line location law to make every reasonable attempt to identify excavators within the area and to notify them annually of the law and services available.
- D. The excavators are responsible to provide reasonable advance notice of their planned excavations, usually 48 hrs, to allow for the utilities to locate their facilities.

#### **1.3 REQUESTING LOCATION SERVICES**

- A. When planning excavation(s), the Operator shall call the “One Call Center” prior to any excavation.
- B. The area of planned excavation(s) shall be marked using white paint prior to

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placing request for line location services.

- C. Every effort shall be made by the Operator to allow adequate time (48 hrs notice) for other utilities to respond to line location requests.
- D. The Operator shall make all reasonable effort to identify the presence of any buried structures including utilities prior to excavation.
- E. In all cases, potential conflicts shall be hand exposed prior to excavation
- F. When emergencies exist and the Operator does not have sufficient time to allow for 48 hr notice, every precaution shall be exercised to safely protect against damage to other utilities and substructures.