

Locating by Design

Approved to send to the Utility Coordination Councils for review.

Definition modified (Proposed)

(15) "Marking" or "mark" means the use of stakes, paint, or other clearly identifiable materials to show the field location of underground facilities, in accordance with the current color code standard of the American Public Works Association. All marks must indicate the name, initials, or logo of the underground facility owner, and the width of the facility if it is greater than two (2) inches. Marking interval to be every twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) feet, depending on line of sight.

Definitions added (Proposed)

"Design locate request" means a notification made to a one-number notification service in preparation for design work. The notification shall describe by street address or lot and block the area of the design work.

"Design work" means bidding, preconstruction engineering, survey, or other advance planning efforts for a proposed project.

Design Locate Request: Language proposed location to be inserted after 55-2205 and before 55-2206

55-2205A. OPERATORS TO RESPOND TO NOTIFICATIONS REQUESTING DESIGN LOCATE INFORMATION -- DAMAGE PREVENTION BEGINS AT THE PLANNING STAGE OF ANY PROJECT.

- (1) Within ten (10) business days after a design locate request, the underground facility owner must:
 - (a) Where fixtures, including but not limited to lids, caps, or boxes, relating to underground facilities are visible at the surface in a manner sufficient to discern the approximate location and route of the related facilities within the specified area(s) of the design work. Provide a map of the requested area identifying its underground facilities;
 - (b) Where no fixtures, including but not limited to lids, caps, or boxes, relating to underground facilities are visible at the surface in a manner sufficient to discern the approximate location and route of the related facilities, provide a map of the requested area identifying its underground facilities or, if requested, mark with reasonable accuracy its locatable underground facilities within specified area(s) of the design work;
 - (c) Provide to the requester the best description available to the owner of any unlocatable underground facility within the specified area(s) of the design work, including but not limited to as-constructed drawings or other facility maps maintained by the underground facility owner; or
 - (d) Contact the requester and agree on a time, prior to the beginning of the design work, for exchange of the information required under subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), or (1)(c) of this section.

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- (2) A requester may not perform any excavation pursuant to a design locate request.
- (3) Once marked by the underground facility owner, or the owner's agent, the requester is responsible for maintaining the markings for twenty-eight (28) days following the date of notification.
- (4) If a requester intends to perform design work at multiple sites or in an area that exceeds five (5) acres or a quarter mile in length, the requester must take reasonable steps to work with any owner of an underground facility located in the sites or area, including but not limited to conducting pre-design meetings, so that the underground facility owner may locate its underground facilities at a time reasonably in advance of the actual start of the design work for each site or phase of work.