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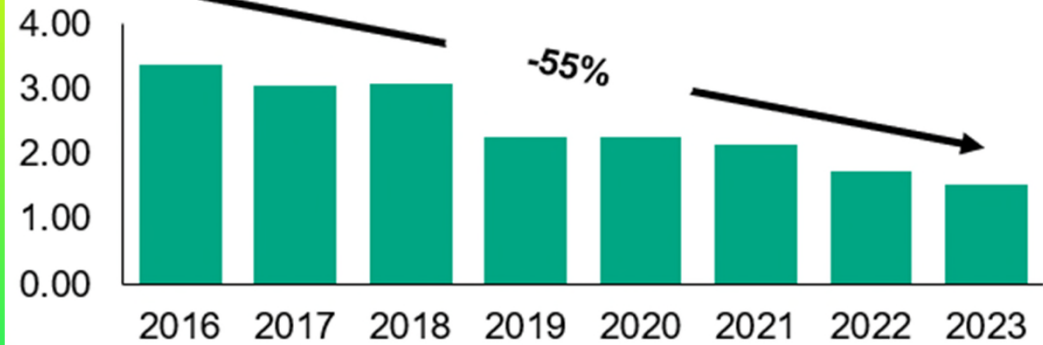
# NEVADA'S STEPS TO ALIGN WITH NATIONAL PIPELINE SAFETY STANDARDS

September 10, 2024

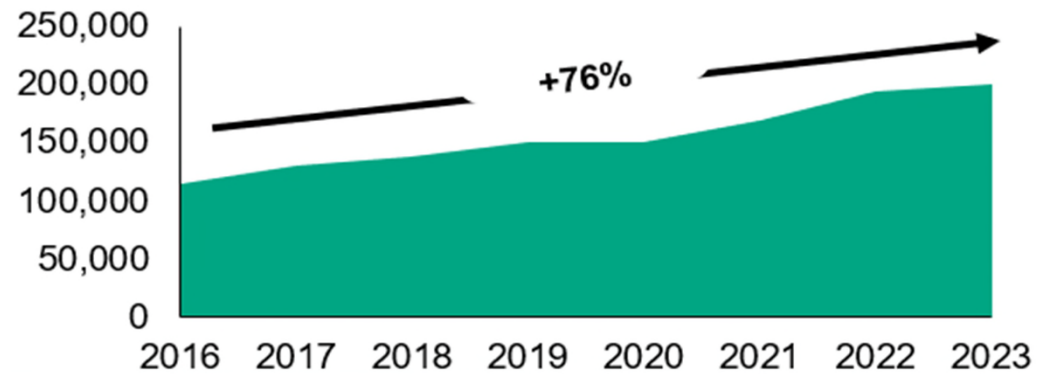
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### Damages Per 1,000 Tickets



### Total Locate Tickets





**SECTION 15 OF H.R. 7655  
THE PIPELINE SAFETY,  
MODERNIZATION, AND  
EXPANSION ACT OF 2024**

**EMPHASIZES LEADING PRACTICES  
FOR EXCAVATION DAMAGE  
PREVENTION TO ENHANCE SAFETY**

**NEW REGULATIONS  
AHEAD**

**EMPHASIZING PRACTICES  
FOR EXCAVATION DAMAGE  
PREVENTION TO ENHANCE SAFETY**

**81%**

**EMPHASIZES  
LEADING  
DAMAGE PREVENTION**

**TO ENHANCE SAFETY**

**LINE UTILITY  
DAMAGE PREVENTION**

**TO ENHANCE SAFETY**



# HR 7655

## SEC. 15 SUBSECTION (B)

### LEADING PRACTICES

#### 14 Elements

- ✓ Identifying the size and scope of a one-call ticket for standard locate requests, including process exceptions for special large project tickets.
- ✓ Restricting the longevity of a one-call ticket for standard locate requests, which may include process exceptions for special large project tickets.
- ✓ Examining and limiting exemptions to the State one-call notification program to prevent common excavation damage incidents, including limiting exemptions for:
  - *Excavation or demolition performed by the owner of a single-family residential property.*
  - *Any excavation of 18 inches or less when maintenance activities are performed.*
  - *Repairing, connecting, adjusting, or conducting routine maintenance of a private or public underground utility facility.*
  - *Municipalities, public works organizations, and State departments of transportation for road maintenance.*
- ✓ Specifying tolerance zone horizontal dimensions and requirements for hand-dig, hydro, vacuum excavation, and other nonintrusive methods.



- ✓ Specifying emergency excavation notification requirements, including defining emergency excavation and identifying the notification requirements for an emergency excavation.
- ✓ Specifying the responsibilities of the excavator, including the reporting of damages due to excavation activities.
- ✓ Defining who is an excavator and what is considered excavation.
- ✓ Requiring the use of white lining or electronic white lining, allowing for exceptions for special large project tickets.
  - Requiring a positive response, meaning the utility, municipality, or other entity marks the area of excavation in positive response to the notification center and the excavator confirms a positive response before beginning excavation.
- ✓ Requiring newly installed underground facilities to be locatable.
- ✓ Requiring the marking of lines and laterals, including sewer lines and laterals.
- ✓ Requiring training programs and requirements for third-party excavators performing excavation activities that are not subject to pipeline construction requirements under part 192 or part 195 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations).
- ✓ Requiring training for locate professionals.
- ✓ Encouraging the use of commercially available technologies to locate underground facilities, such as geographic information systems and enhanced positive response.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Investigation and Rulemaking to consider adopting and )  
revising regulations contained in Chapter 455 of the )  
Nevada Administrative Code regarding notifications, ) Docket No. 21-01028  
preparation of reports, and other matters related thereto. )  
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION,  
NOTICE OF WORKSHOP, AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION,  
AMENDMENT, AND/OR REPEAL OF REGULATIONS OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

The Commission opened a rulemaking, designated as Docket No. 21-01028, to consider adopting and revising regulations contained in Chapter 455 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") regarding notifications, preparation of reports, and other matters related thereto.

The Commission is conducting the Rulemaking pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the NAC Chapters 233B, 703 and 704, including but not limited to, NRS 703.025 and 704.210.

# OPERATORS

# EXCAVATORS



# ASSOCIATION FOR OPERATORS



# OPERATORS



- **ELECTRONIC POSITIVE RESPONSE**

FOCUS

- **ON-TIME PERFORMANCE  
vs  
COMPLETED ON-TIME  
PERFORMANCE**

**95%**

# EXCAVATORS



- **REVIEW EPR BEFORE EXCAVATION**

FOCUS

- **BEGIN EXCAVATING EARLY**

- **GAPS IN DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM**



# ASSOCIATION FOR OPERATORS



- **REPORTING (999), NO RESPONSE,  
DAMAGE, EXPOSED**

FOCUS

- **EPR DISPUTE NOTIFICATIONS**
- **THIRD PARTY PARTNERSHIP  
DIG CONTRAX, 811 SPOTTER**

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Saturday, October 19



Friday, November 15







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THANK YOU