

**REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-7, NRS 455.133, 703.025, 704.260 and 704.280.

A REGULATION relating to subsurface installations; revising provisions governing the marking location of subsurface installations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 455 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *“Marking practices in the industry” means the marking standards adopted by reference in section 3 of this regulation.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The Commission hereby adopts by reference the marking standards described in the:*

(a) “Uniform Color Code”;

(b) “Guidelines for Excavation Delineation”; and

(c) “Guidelines for Operator’s Facility Field Delineation,”

↪ as set forth in Appendix B of Best Practices Version 3.0, published by the Common Ground Alliance.

2. A copy of this publication can be obtained from the Common Ground Alliance, free of charge, at the Internet address <http://www.commongroundalliance.com/>.

Sec. 4. *If there is a conflict between the marking practices in the industry and the other provisions of this chapter, the other provisions of this chapter control.*

Sec. 5. NAC 455.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

455.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 455.015 to 455.095, inclusive, *and section 2 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 6. NAC 455.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

455.115 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, an excavator who marks the proposed area of an excavation or demolition pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 455.110 shall mark:

(a) The area before submitting a notification; and

(b) Only the area that can reasonably be excavated or demolished within 14 calendar days after the date the excavator submitted the notification of the excavation or demolition to the association for operators pursuant to the provisions of NRS 455.110.

2. An excavator marking the proposed area of an excavation or demolition pursuant to subsection 1 shall mark *in a manner consistent with the marking practices in the industry and shall mark* with white:

(a) The perimeter of the proposed excavation or demolition; or

(b) The centerline and width of the proposed excavation or demolition.

3. If an excavator and all the operators of subsurface installations in the affected area of the proposed excavation or demolition agree to identify the proposed area of the excavation or demolition in another manner pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 455.110, the excavator shall comply with the terms of that agreement.

4. Pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 455.110, an excavator conducting an excavation or demolition that will expose only a subsurface installation owned or operated by the excavator is not required to notify an association for operators pursuant to NRS 455.110.

Sec. 7. NAC 455.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

455.130 **1.** Except *as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or* when otherwise agreed to by an operator and an excavator, an operator marking the approximate location of a subsurface installation that has been located and identified pursuant to the provisions of NAC 455.125 shall mark the approximate location of the subsurface installation ~~using the following colors for the markings:~~

~~—1.— Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 455.133, safety red must be used for electrical power, distribution and transmission installations, conduit for traffic signals and street lights and municipal electric installations.~~

~~—2.— Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 455.133, high visibility safety yellow must be used for gas distribution and transmission installations, oil distribution and transmission installations, and installations containing or transporting dangerous materials, products or steam.~~

~~—3.— Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 455.133, safety alert orange must be used for telephone and telegraph installations, police and fire communication installations and cable television installations.~~

~~—4.— Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 455.133, safety precaution blue must be used for water installations and slurry pipelines.~~

~~—5.— Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 455.133, safety green must be used for sewer and storm drain installations.~~

~~—6.— Safety purple must be used for reclaimed water installations.~~

~~7. Pink must be used for temporary survey markings.] in a manner consistent with the marking practices in the industry.~~

2. The requirement of marking the approximate location of a subsurface installation does not apply to an individual irrigation system for landscaping or to a playing field.