

TR#:	Section:	Champion:	Proposed Best Practice / Changes:
2020 - 89	BP 4.0 REVISION	ORCGA	<p>4-2: Privately Owned Facility Awareness NEW</p> <p>Practice Statement: <i>Prior to excavating, the excavator must be aware that privately owned underground utility infrastructure may exist within the work area. The excavator should request the property owner to locate its buried facilities or hire a Locate Service Provider (LSP) (private or otherwise) to locate and mark these buried facilities on the property owner’s behalf.</i></p> <p>Practice Description: <i>It is incumbent on the excavator to ensure that all buried facilities, both publicly and privately owned, in and near the work area have been located and marked. Privately owned buried facilities are typically not marked by representatives of the public utility owners beyond the demarcation point for each utility. The excavator should have all known private facilities in and near the work area identified, located, and marked prior to excavation activities.</i></p> <p><i>Identification activities undertaken by the excavator or its LSP include, but are not limited to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Records Review – review utility records to identify the presence of privately owned facilities. Records include but are not limited to:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Public (usually Notification Center generated) locate reports for the work area</i> b) <i>Design, construction, or as-built drawings for the site</i> c) <i>Property Surveys</i> 2) <i>Site Interviews – interview site operations personnel to further help identify potential underground infrastructure on-site.</i> 3) <i>Visual Inspection – visually inspect the work area and associated building utility rooms for indications of the presence of buried facilities.</i> 4) <i>Locate Private Utility Infrastructure – obtain from the owner, or with the owner’s authorization, locate reports from an LSP to confirm that known private buried facilities have been located and marked.</i>

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Responding Regional CGA	Date	Comments:								
BCCGA										
ABCGA	2020-08-11	<p>Agree with change to practice statement. Disagree with practice description – leave practice description as it is currently and then add new description below it. Notes below:</p> <p>Practice Description (as currently written in the manual) - Privately owned underground facilities may not be marked by representatives of the public facility owners beyond the demarcation point of each facility (e.g. Private Property). The private facility owner is responsible for identifying the location of these buried facilities. Identification activities may include, but are not limited to: provision of maps, provision of engineering drawings from previous workings and/or retaining or authorizing the deployment of a private locator.</p> <p>Identification activities undertaken by the excavator or its LSP include, but are not limited to: Records Review (Public, Design, Construction, As-built drawings for the site, Property Surveys, etc), Site Interviews, Visual Inspection.</p>								
SCGA		<p>Active signal trace is not always possible. Suggest adding: locates can include inductive passive sweep of work area to where facility points are not available to direct connect.</p> <p>Our committee agrees with the overall purpose of this TR. Thought to consider is the process if the landowner or excavator is not aware of who owns a line or aware a line exists on private line (i.e. private power is not always communicated to current owners). This is the concern that we tried to address in our secondary/additional locate request.</p>								
MCGA										
ORCGA										
QRCGA		Same as TR85, why add “Excavator’s responsibilities”? A lot of details...								
ATLCGA	2021-03-30	<p>Can agree with the practice statement if the text regarding “if working on private property” is removed and “Locate Service Provider (LSP) (private or otherwise)” is changed to “locator”. Can agree with practice description if “LSP” is changed to “locator”.</p> <p>2021-04-01 (DR) Did some research on the use of Locator vs Locate Service Provider (LSP) in a few recognized manuals. See table below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="415 1377 1969 1531"> <thead> <tr> <th>Manual</th> <th>Locator usage count</th> <th>Locate Service Provider (LSP) count</th> <th>Definitions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CCGA Best Practices</td> <td>80</td> <td>5</td> <td>Locator: A person whose job is to locate</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Manual	Locator usage count	Locate Service Provider (LSP) count	Definitions	CCGA Best Practices	80	5	Locator: A person whose job is to locate
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					underground infrastructure. LSP: Locate Service Provider - a person authorized by the owner to locate and mark its underground facilities.
		CGA Best Practices	85	0	Locator: A person whose job is to locate lines or facilities
		CSA-Z247	24	0	Locator - person authorized by the owner to perform a locate and issue a locate form to the excavator.
Recommendation is to remove or limit the use of LSP throughout the manual.					
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