

National Best Practice Committee Best Practices – Final Tracking



TR#:	Section:	Champion:	Proposed Best Practice / Changes:
2020 - 090	BP 2 NEW	ORCGA	<p><u>NEW - 2-33: Types of Clearances</u></p> <p><u>Practice Statement:</u> When an Owner or its Agent issues a clearance to dig as a response to the locate request, it must be understood that the clearance given was based on the information provided at the time of the locate request.</p> <p><u>Practice Description:</u> Clarifying the Clearance given by Owners or their Agents. A Conditional clearance can be given on behalf of the Owner by one of the following methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Filter clears</u> are done at time of the locate request and are typically done by the “Notification Service” based on criteria defined or given by the Owner. Filter Clears can be based on the following criteria but not limited to: method or type of excavation; location of work (public or private property); and, depth of excavation. 2) <u>Clearance by “Look-up”</u> on behalf of the Owner will perform a risk based assessment of the potential impact to the plant, and will make a decision based on that information.

Responding Regional CGA	Date	Comments:
BCCGA		
ABCGA		
SCGA		<p>The “Notification Service” is hesitant to use the work “clearance” in relation to tickets that are filtered. The One Call perspective is that a “Clearance” ticket and a “Filtered” ticket are inherently different.</p> <p>It is the Member’s responsibility to provide clearance as it is their liability.</p> <p>The One Call centre does offer Members the ability to “filter” tickets based on certain criteria such as depth of excavation. A Filtered ticket is “suppressed” and the member does not receive a copy nor are they required to respond to the excavator with a clearance.</p>

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MCGA		
ORCGA		
QRCGA		
ATLCGA		<p>Require rationale and/or clarification. Conceptually support.</p> <p>If implemented, could it go with BP “3-21: Requirements for a Valid Locate” or does the BP manual need to address what a “clearance” is before defining “types of clearances”? (a portion of 3-21 below):</p> <p>4. Clearances – in situations where a dig area is clear of an owner’s underground infrastructure there will be no marks on the ground and a valid locate requires only a locate report in the form of a written statement to this effect.</p>
CCGA		
		<p>Notes - Clearance by ‘Look Up’ is a secondary screening process where the owner has hired a third party (in some cases they hire the Notification Centre) to review the request and provide a clearance. This is outside of the ‘normal’ operation of a notification service provider.</p> <p>NEW - 2-33: Ticket Filtering - suggested change from COCC</p> <p>Practice Statement: An Owner may provide the Notification Centre with additional specific criteria to suppress the transmission of certain notifications where the Owner's registered data would normally result in a notification based on the location of work.</p> <p>Practice Description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Filter suppressions are determined at time of the locate request and are done by the “Notification Service” based on criteria defined or given by the Owner. 2) Filter suppressions can be based on the following criteria but not limited to: method or type of excavation; location of work (public or private property); and, depth of excavation. 3) When an ticket is suppressed based on an Owner's filtering criteria, the notification shall not be transmitted to the Owner 4) The excavator ticket copy shall indicate that the Owner has not been notified and has been excluded based on their filtering preferences.