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Subject: Safety warning from We Energies

Dear construction/excavation professional:

Safety is important to all of us. To ensure your safety and ours, here are some excavating reminders.

Calling Diggers Hotline at least three business days before you start to dig is a first step. Here are some other key reminders:

- **Have your own Diggers Hotline ticket.** You are required to have a unique Diggers Hotline ticket (per Wisconsin State Statute 182.0175). On large projects, multiple contractors could each have their own tickets covering the same area. The tickets ensure all contractors on a project have a ticket that clearly covers their specific work.
- **Maintain 18-inch minimum clearance.** Once digging starts, you are required to maintain an estimated minimum clearance of 18 inches between locate marks and the cutting edge of any power-operated excavating equipment. Once the facility is exposed, this distance can be reduced to two times the known limit of control of the cutting edge or point of the equipment or 12 inches, whichever is greater.
- **Call us if you damage our facilities.** Unfortunately, damage to our natural gas or electric facilities occurs at times. Damage includes nicks, scrapes and gouges. While these damages may not result in loss of natural gas or electricity, they can jeopardize facility integrity. By contacting us immediately, we can make necessary repairs and protect system reliability and safety. When damage occurs, call our emergency response numbers:

Natural gas: 800-261-5325

Electric: 800-662-4797

Safety is everyone's business. I encourage you to share this information with your employees. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe.

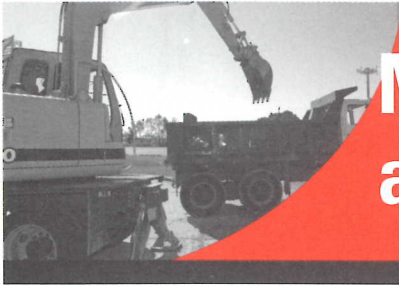
This letter is being sent to individual excavators who used their unique TelDig IDs to request a Diggers Hotline ticket through remote entry in the last year. If this was sent in error, please contact Diggers Hotline at 811 or 800-242-8511 to have the TelDig ID removed. If you have other questions, call me at 414-944-5649.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Lauterbach'.

Kevin Lauterbach
Supervisor-Damage Prevention

Enclosure



Make the right call and work safely



Responding to your call

We will mark buried facilities within three working days unless the request is an emergency. To ensure proper marking of underground facilities, outline the proposed excavation site(s) with white paint. Also, be sure to keep your ticket number and marking instructions at the job site.

Marking We Energies facilities

We mark our facilities with paint, flags or stakes. Facilities greater than 2 inches in diameter are labeled as such. Remember to adjust your tolerance zone to accommodate the increased size of the facility. When we can't place markers directly over buried facilities, arrows and numbers on a stake or on the ground mark the distance and direction to the buried facilities.

- Yellow = natural gas and steam**
- Red = electric**
- Clear = no buried facilities**

If there are no We Energies facilities present, you should find a clear flag(s) with a ticket number written on it. If you do not see either marks or a clear flag, call for a relocate.



Also call for a relocate when you see:

- Striped flags – indicating new facilities have been buried since your original locate request. Never rely on the striped flags for excavating purposes.
- Yellow or red marker posts – indicating natural gas and electric facilities are in the area. These posts are not placed on the exact location of the facility. Never rely on them for excavating purposes.

If you have questions about the marks or locates, contact our locators directly. The locating company name and phone number are on the solid color flags.

Encountering We Energies facilities

If you discover an unmarked or apparently mismarked facility, contact us immediately. Never assume an unmarked facility is abandoned. Treat all facilities as though they were live. Only We Energies personnel have the tools and skills to safely differentiate live versus abandoned facilities.

If you damage or observe damage to our facilities, stop work immediately and contact us at 800-261-5325.

Injured individual or blowing natural gas

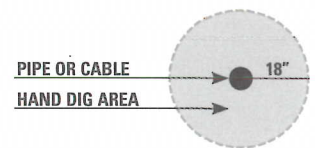
Call 911 and appropriate We Energies emergency number(s):

<i>Electric facility damage</i>	<i>Natural gas facility damage</i>
800-662-4797	800-261-5325

Working around We Energies facilities

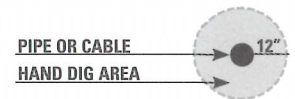
• Unexposed facilities

Hand digging should begin 18 inches from each side of a buried facility.



• Exposed facilities

After facilities have been exposed by hand, power digging equipment may be used up to 12 inches away, but please exercise caution to avoid facility damage.



• Trenchless technology (boring, directional drilling)

Always expose facilities to verify their depth and location when using trenchless technology.

• Overhead facilities

Always work at least 10 feet from any overhead electric line. Electric lines of more than 50,000 volts require greater clearances.

• Pipeline safety

Natural gas and the underground pipeline distribution systems that carry it have outstanding safety records. The distribution systems are regularly tested and problems rarely occur.

In the unlikely event of a problem, contact us immediately at 800-261-5325 if you encounter the following while working near a pipeline:

- > Smell the strong odor of rotten eggs associated with natural gas.
- > Hear a hissing sound.
- > See debris blowing.

Diggers Hotline (Wisconsin)
800-242-8511 or 811

MISS DIG (Michigan)
800-482-7171 or 811

Call at least three days before you dig!