



Dig Law Update

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UTC Mission

The UTC regulates the services of privately or investor owned utility and transportation companies. Our mission is to ensure that services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.

Upcoming Events

June 22

LNI
Contractor
Training,
Wenatchee,
WA



June 28

Safety Committee RFP Release

July

LNI Contractor Training,
Lakewood, WA

Safety Committee

On June 28, commission staff will issue the official Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting bids from statewide, nonprofit entities interested in assembling the "Safety Committee" as set forth in RCW 19.122.30. A preview of the RFP including the objectives and scope, as well as, the proposal structure was released to stakeholders. If you have any questions regarding the RFP or preview, contact [Anna Gill](#).

Rulemaking

Commission staff are in the process of revising our reporting rules as they pertain to gas pipeline operators to correlate with the new requirements in the law. The commission is proposing that companies would be required to report damages to the Virtual DIRT program in lieu of annual reporting. A workshop was held on May 10 at the commission headquarters and the consensus was that these requirements would not be too burdensome or expensive for companies. We found that many already exercise a similar procedure and that reporting to DIRT in addition would be acceptable. Draft rules will be served on July 30. For more information, contact [Dave Lykken](#).



Upcoming Trainings

The commission is planning a series of free dig law and damage prevention seminars for the fall. If you are interested in attending on of these seminars, please check our [Dig Law Seminar](#) web page in the coming weeks for dates and locations.



Outreach

In an effort to educate public agencies, such as local government, about their new responsibilities as outlined in the new dig law, the commission, in conjunction with the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC), will be putting on a Public Agencies webinar. The webinar will be hosted in September with more information to follow. The commission will also be offering a dig law training at the upcoming Labor and Industries (LNI) Contractor trainings on June 22 in Wenatchee and on July 27 in Lakewood. If you're interested in attending or would like additional information, [click here](#) to visit LNI's website.



Publications

The commission has a number of educational publications outlining changes to the dig law for each stakeholder group. To request these publications, contact [Anna Gill](#).

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