

WSDLSC/UTC Stakeholder Process

Proposed Dig Law Update

Subject: Add APWA Marking Standards to APWA Color Code

Issue: Currently, the dig law under definition for marking only covers the requirement to meet the color code as defined by APWA. At this time facility operators are not required to meet the marking standards established by APWA. These marking standards help to provide more definition of the facility that is being marked including ownership of the facility, size, and better identification of limits of the facility being marked.

It is felt by many who participated in the last re-right of the Dig law that this was a simple omission when we prepared the last revisions. It appears to be a very simple solution to amend at this time.

Proposed Solution: Modify the definition of marking in 19.122.020(17) to include the marking standard for APWA along with the color code standard.

Proposed Dig Law Update Language: **19.122.020(23) "Marking"** means the use of stakes, paint, or other clearly identifiable materials to show the field location of underground facilities, in accordance with the current color and marking standards of the American Public Works Association. Markings shall include identification letters indicating the specific type of the underground facility.