

Date: March 11, 2020

To: All Excavators (including Contractors, Developers, Property Owners, etc.)

From: Long Beach Energy Resources Department (LBER) Engineering/Inspection 

Subject: **General Requirements When Working Around LBER Facilities**

All excavations in the public right of way or on private property require a valid Dig Alert Ticket from Underground Service Alert of Southern California (USASC). Excavators MUST contact USASC by dialing 811 at least 48 hours (or 2 business days) prior to any excavation work. LBER and all other underground facility operators will locate and mark existing substructures at no charge in delineated areas.

The excavator is required to verify the precise location (and depth) of the gas utility line, fittings, and appurtenances using hand tools or other soft excavation techniques prior to using power equipment within 24 inches of gas pipeline and facilities. LBER bears no responsibility for construction activities conducted by the excavator. [CA Government Code 4216.4(a)]

The excavator shall immediately contact LBER Inspection upon damaging or exposing any LBER main or service. All active LBER facilities, including gas distribution mains and services, shall be protected in place by the excavator. Wrap damage of LBER mains or services will be repaired free of charge. Any other damage to LBER's facilities will be repaired at the excavator's expense. Any repair or relocation work required on LBER's facilities can solely be performed by LBER and will be subject to LBER's availability of resources.

Any active LBER main or service exposed for a duration longer than 5 days shall be protected from exposure to sunlight and be supported at the excavator's expense with an approved LBER method. The support design shall be submitted to LBER Engineering for approval prior to implementation. Additionally, the excavator shall perform due diligence when operating heavy equipment above LBER facility/pipeline with less than 24 inches of cover and notify LBER inspection.

A minimum 12" clearance around LBER's facilities shall be maintained when installing new pipelines or other structures near LBER facilities. The excavator shall notify LBER Inspection prior to backfilling around any active LBER main or service. The backfill material and method used by the excavator is subject to LBER Inspection's review and approval.

LBER contacts: LBER Engineering/Inspection – (562) 570-2085
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