



## NRCGA/NUCA DAMAGE PREVENTION COALITION

Meeting Minutes: Nov. 14, 2024, 9 – 11 am

Meeting Location: PUCN, 9075 W. Diablo Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89148 & online via Teams

### ATTENDEES

#### In Person

Irving Peralta, Hole Hogz  
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 Harvey Pryor, Groundhogs  
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 Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground  
 Kristen Garcia, NV Energy  
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 Dennis Bott, PUCN  
 Mario Guzman, Flippins Trenching  
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 Ken Jr. Flippin, Flippins Trenching

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 Wayne Scott, AT&T  
 Shane Ayers, Southwest Gas  
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### Key Takeaways

- New mandatory positive response rule implemented in September 2024; excavators must review electronic positive responses before digging
- NRCGA damage prevention training program seeing good participation; 151 trained in July, 73 in August, 55 in September
- Task force exploring incremental changes to short notice ticket system, starting with UI updates to discourage misuse



- Hydro-excavation companies working to align practices with spirit of law while maintaining operational efficiency

## Topics

### Alliance Representative Nominations for NRCGA Board of Directors

- Currently have two candidates for this new alliance representative position: Scott Allen and Harold Lefler
- Position bridges NRCGA board with contractor/excavator organizations like NUCA or NCA
- Nominations closed, NRCGA members will vote soon to fill position to add depth to excavator representation

### NRCGA Damage Prevention Training

- Hands-on, scenario-based training covering law, best practices, ticket management
- Available in English and Spanish; free of charge
- 9 classes held in July, 7 in August, 10 in September
- Considering targeted outreach to high-damage groups like landscapers in 2025

### Short Notice Ticket Task Force Update

- Not eliminating short notice tickets, but implementing incremental changes
- Updating UI to label as "non-compliant short notice" to discourage misuse
- Will monitor data for several months to assess impact before considering further changes
- Hydro-excavation companies working on process to document existing marks/responses to align with regulations

### New Rulemaking on Mandatory Positive Response

- Implemented September 2024, aligns Nevada with federal PHMSA requirements
- Requires utilities to provide electronic positive response and excavators to review before digging
- PUCN to conduct field audits in 2025, initially taking educational approach

### Next Steps

- Close alliance representative nominations and fill position
- Implement changes for short notice tickets in USA North's ticket system
- Continue monitoring short notice ticket usage data
- Develop educational materials on new EPR requirements for excavators
- PUCN to prepare for 2025 field audits on new rule compliance
- Explore options for improving hydro-excavation company compliance with regulations