



Underground Safety Board

Electronic Positive Response Workshop

Notice and Agenda

March 3, 2025

SACRAMENTO - The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) Underground Safety Board will host a public workshop with stakeholders (via Teams and in-person) to gain a deeper understanding of the Electronic Positive Response (EPR) process. Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback that will guide EPR code updates to improve Dig Safe Act compliance.

Background

Under California Government Code section 4216.3(c)(1)(A), operators must ensure compliance by providing an EPR through the Regional Notification Center before the legal excavation start date. The Regional Notification Center publishes EPR responses, making them accessible to excavators.

Workshop Objectives

- **Understand Industry Experiences:** Hear firsthand from operators and excavators about how they use EPR in their daily work.
- **Identify Challenges and Best Practices:** Learn about common obstacles, effective strategies, and opportunities for improving EPR usage.
- **Assess the Clarity and Effectiveness of EPR Codes:** Examine how well current EPR codes facilitate excavation communication and determine what refinements are needed.





- **Evaluate Training and Resource Needs:** Identify gaps in training, guidance, and resources that inhibit understanding and implementation of EPR.

The workshop will be held in person and virtually at the California Natural Resources Agency Building, 715 P Street, Sacramento, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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California Natural Resources Agency

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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AGENDA

- 1. Welcoming Remarks**
- 2. Current EPR Practices and Usage**

To gain insight into current practices regarding the use of EPR codes, please address the following:

- How do utility operators interact with and submit EPR codes?
- What criteria determines the appropriate EPR code to use in different excavation scenarios?
- How do excavators use the EPR codes?
- What training and resources are available to help operators determine which code to use and to help excavators apply it?



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- Utility operators may use internal system codes. To better understand their purpose, what role do these internal system codes play, and how do operators manage changes to the system?

3. EPR Code Removal

To help evaluate the proposed removal of redundant or ambiguous EPR codes¹, the Ticket Process Committee wishes to learn the following:

- Are the proposed removals and revisions of EPR codes clear and effective in improving communication?
- Are there any additional EPR codes that should be removed or revised to improve clarity and compliance?
- How can the removal and revision of such codes improve communication between operators and excavators?
- Are there any EPR codes that were suggested for removal and revision that should be reconsidered?

4. Code Categories

To assist in assessing the proposed categorization of EPR codes into Clear, Marked, and Unmarked, please address the following:

- Does the proposed categorization of EPR codes into **Clear**, **Marked**, and **Unmarked** improve the usability and clarity of the system?
- Are there any challenges or concerns with the proposed categorization that could impact the effectiveness of the EPR system?

5. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

¹ [December 2024 Board Meeting](#)





To Participate in Person

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Contact Information

Those requiring further information regarding this public meeting may contact Board staff at digboard@energysafety.ca.gov, (916) 902-6000, or by writing to the address below:

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