

California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board

In the Matter of City of Salinas,
Maintenance Service Department,
Respondent

Case No. D222970001

DECISION REGARDING NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (the Board) issued a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) to City of Salinas, Maintenance Service Department (Respondent) on September 11, 2025. Respondent submitted a response to the NOPV. On November 17, 2025, the Board considered case D222970001. Board members Clausen, Johns, Johnson, Muñoz, Simonian, and Sorem participated in the decision.

FINDINGS

Having considered the investigation report and Respondent's response, the Board finds that a violation of Government (Gov.) Code section 4216.3(c)(1)(A) occurred.

VIOLATION SUMMARY

Gov. Code section 4216.3(c)(1)(A): failed to provide electronic positive response through the regional notification center prior to the legal start date and time.

JURISDICTION

When the Board finds a probable violation of the Dig Safe Act (Gov. Code section 4216 et seq.), the Board must transmit the investigation results and any recommended penalty to the appropriate agency identified in Gov. Code section 4216.6, subsection (c) or (d). This matter is subject to the jurisdiction of the Salinas City Council which may accept, amend, or reject this Board's recommendation.

SANCTIONS

The Board RECOMMENDS that the Salinas City Council order Respondent to take the Board's education course. The following factors were considered relevant to this sanction determination:

- Respondent's violations were serious.
- Respondent should benefit from taking the Board's education course.

/s/ William Johns
William Johns, Chair

Date: February 2, 2026