



## NOTICE OF DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO PROPOSED RULEMAKING

### CURRENT AREA OF NOTIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

#### 20-Day Public Comment Period

**December 19, 2024 through January 8, 2025**

The Underground Safety Board (Board) invites stakeholders and the public to provide feedback on the draft regulatory language outlined below. Please note, the purpose of this preliminary comment period is to collect feedback from stakeholders before initiating a formal rulemaking process. This comment period will not replace future opportunities to comment on the proposed regulation required by the California Administrative Procedures Act. The Board will consider all comments, objections, and recommendations related to the proposed language before proceeding with the rulemaking process.

#### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments on the proposed language. The 20-day comment period begins on December 19, 2024, and ends on January 8, 2025. Comments must be received by **12 a.m. (PT) on January 8, 2025**. Additional opportunities for public comment will be available in the future.

Submit written comments to:

- E-filing: [Docket #2024-12-PC](#)
- Email: [digboard@energysafety.ca.gov](mailto:digboard@energysafety.ca.gov) (include in the subject line of the email “Comments: Current Area of Notification and Membership Termination”), or
- Mail to:

**Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety  
Attn: Underground Infrastructure Directorate  
715 P Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Jaime Hastings, Underground Safety Board**



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## PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE FOR AREA OF NOTIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

New definition in §4000(b) - “Area of Notification” means the geospatial polygon or polygons that include all subsurface installations owned, operated, or maintained by an operator in which the operator is required to receive locate request transmissions.

New definition in §4000(b) (moved from §4010(d)(3)) - “Locate request transmission” means the notification provided by a regional notification center to an operator to locate and field mark in response to a new ticket as identified in Government Code section 4216.2, subdivision (e).

(NEW): 19 CCR 4004: Current Area of Notification and Membership Termination

(a)(1) An operator that is a member of a regional notification center must maintain current areas of notification with its regional notification center or centers.

(2) Regional notification centers must maintain areas of notification received under subparagraph (a)(1) and must provide areas of notification to the Board upon request by the Board. Any notification of change(s) to an operator’s area(s) of notification must be retained by the regional notification center as a record of notification under Government Code Section 4216.2(f).

(b) When a member removes any geospatial area from its area of notification, the member must concurrently provide to the regional notification center the reason(s) the member’s area of notification has been changed.

(c) When an operator ceases to be a member of a regional notification center, the regional notification center must notify the Underground Safety Board within fourteen (14) business days. The notification must include the most recent contact information of the former member and, if known, the identity of the entity accepting the operator responsibility of affected assets and basis for the entity’s determination that it is not required to maintain membership pursuant to section 4216.1.

Delete §4010(d)(3)



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