

California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board

In the Matter of
Patriot Construction Services,
Respondent

Case No. C232960003

DECISION REGARDING NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION

On April 14, 2025, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board (the Board) considered Case No. C232960003. Board investigative staff issued a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) to Patriot Construction Services (Respondent), dated February 24, 2025, alleging violations of Government Code (Gov. Code) sections 4216.2(b), (g), and (e). Respondent did not submit a response to the NOPV.

Board members Charland, Clausen, Johns, Johnson, and Sorem participated in the decision. Board Member Muñoz was not present for the meeting.

FINDINGS

Having considered the investigation report, the Board finds that Respondent violated Gov. Code section §4216.2(b), (e), and (g).

VIOLATION SUMMARY

On October 23, 2023, Patriot Construction Services excavated to expose the top of a buried utility vault. Patriot did not contact the regional notification center before starting the excavation.

JURISDICTION

This matter is subject to the jurisdiction of the CONTRACTOR STATE LICENSE BOARD.

SANCTIONS

The Board RECOMMENDS that the CONTRACTOR STATE LICENSE BOARD order Respondent to take the Board's education course and pay a penalty of \$1000.

The following factors were considered relevant to this sanction determination:

- Respondent excavated without notifying the regional notification center.
- The violation did not result in death or substantial injury or environment or property damage.

/s/ William Johns
William Johns, Chair

Date: May 12, 2025