

Date: February 17, 2023

To: All Excavators (including Contractors, Developers, Property Owners, etc.)

From: Long Beach Utilities (LBU) Gas Engineering/Inspection

Subject: **General Requirements When Working Around LBU GAS Facilities**

All excavations in the public right of way or on private property require a valid Dig Alert Ticket from Underground Service Alert of Southern California (USASC). Excavators MUST contact USASC by dialing 811 at least 48 hours (or 2 business days) prior to any excavation work. LBU and all other underground facility operators will locate and mark existing substructures at no charge in delineated areas. LBU bears no responsibility for construction activities conducted by the excavator. [CA Government Code 4216.4(a)]

The excavator is required to verify the precise location (and depth) of the gas utility line, fittings, and appurtenances using hand tools or other soft excavation techniques prior to using power equipment within 24 inches of gas pipeline and facilities. If a proposed excavation is within ten (10) feet of an active LBU pipeline 12" or greater in diameter, the excavator shall notify LBU Inspection of the excavation limits and schedule for LBU to be on standby during excavation activities.

The excavator shall immediately contact LBU Inspection upon damaging or exposing any LBU main or service. All active LBU facilities, including gas distribution mains and services, shall be protected in place by the excavator. Wrap damage of LBU mains or services will be repaired free of charge. Any other damage to LBU's facilities will be repaired at the excavator's expense. Any repair or relocation work required on LBU's facilities can solely be performed by LBU and will be subject to LBU's availability of resources.

Any active LBU main or service exposed for a duration longer than 5 days shall be protected from exposure to sunlight and be supported at the excavator's expense with an approved LBU method. The support design shall be submitted to LBU Engineering for approval prior to implementation. Additionally, the excavator shall perform due diligence when operating heavy equipment above LBU facility/pipeline with less than 24 inches of cover and notify LBU inspection.

A minimum 12" clearance around LBU's facilities shall be maintained when installing new pipelines or other structures near LBU facilities. The excavator shall notify LBU Inspection prior to backfilling around any active LBU main or service. The backfill material and method used by the excavator is subject to LBU Inspection's review and approval.

**LBU contacts:** LBU Gas Engineering/Inspection – (562) 570-2085  
LBU 24-Hour Emergency Line – (562) 570-2140