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# APGA Position on One Call Exemption

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# APGA

- **The** national trade association for publically-owned natural gas utilities
- ~1000 community-owned gas systems
  - ▶ 36 states
  - ▶ >5M Customers
  - ▶ ~21,000 Employees
  - ▶ ~120,000 Miles of Main
- Meters: 12 to ~500,000
- Largest : Philadelphia, San Antonio, Indianapolis, Memphis, Omaha, Long Beach
- Smallest: Freedom, OK (12 meters)



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# Priority #1

The  
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- States should be encouraged to adopt and enforce effective excavation damage prevention programs
- Ideally, all excavators and all operators of buried facilities should participate
- Municipal gas utilities are already required by federal regulation to participate in one-call programs – there is no municipal exemption, nor should there be



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- But, the perfect should not be the enemy of the good
- A federal requirement that states will not adopt is of no value
- Exemptions for excavators digging on their own property (e.g. cemeteries) may be OK
- Exemptions for highway departments, which have a history of hitting gas lines, may not be OK



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# Questions?



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