Utility Coordinating Project Subcommittee
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 11, 2019

White Lining:
The group discussed white lining and noted that the suggested language should be clarified. Jim Mandera volunteered to wordsmith the previously proposed language prior to the next meeting.

Ticket Life:
The group discussed the questions: What are the benefits of extending the time an excavator needs to begin excavation from ten days to fifteen? If a ticket is to expire after excavation has begun– what timeframe should we be looking at: 15 calendar days, 30 calendar days? How might an expiration date affect the reoccurring calls of excavators to OHIO811? Rather than calling every eight or ten days, might they call every 14 days?

Utility Coordination Projects:
After much discussion, and before the group begins to craft language in earnest regarding utility coordinating projects, it was suggested that they look at language used in other states. Pennsylvania was discussed briefly and will be reviewed by members prior to the next meeting. Members are encouraged to review the language and identify the positive and negative aspects this language may have in Ohio.

Language from PA's excavation law:

(3) In a complex project or if an excavator intends to perform work at multiple work sites or over a large area, to take reasonable steps to work with facility owners, including scheduling and conducting a preconstruction meeting, so that they may locate their facilities at a time reasonably in advance of the actual start of excavation or demolition work for each phase of the work. A preconstruction meeting may take place at any time prior to the commencement of excavation or demolition work, and the excavator, facility owners and designer, or their agents, shall attend the meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be given sufficiently in advance so as to permit attendance, either in person or electronically, by the excavator, facility owners and designer, or their agents, and shall include information sufficient to identify the scope of work. If the excavator does not believe that a preconstruction meeting is necessary under the circumstances of this clause it shall indicate such belief in its notice, but any facility owner with facilities at the work site may request a meeting with the excavator, and a meeting shall be held between the facility owner and the excavator. After commencement of excavation or demolition work, the excavator shall be responsible for protecting and preserving the staking, marking or other designation until no longer required for proper and safe excavation or demolition work at or near the underground facility or by contacting the One Call System to request that the facilities be marked again in the event that the previous markings have been compromised or eliminated.

Alice mentioned that she was sending out a survey in order to garner information for the OUDPC's Abandoned Lines Discussion Group, and that if members of this committee would like to include questions that might help this group understand current practices they may send them to her by Monday, December 16th.

Next meeting date: January 7, 2020 10:00 – 2:00 p.m., George J. Igel Company, 3500 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus.