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# MS216D Stakeholder Review Meetings

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MS216D Stakeholder Review meetings will be held throughout 2017 to allow stakeholders in the Minnesota underground utility community to come together and provide feedback on the state's current one call laws. The Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety (MNOPS) holds these meetings to initiate discussions about stakeholder desired changes to the law during the 2018 legislative session. Gopher State One Call (GSOC) encourages all stakeholders to participate in these meetings to provide valuable input towards the continued effort to keep our underground infrastructure safe.

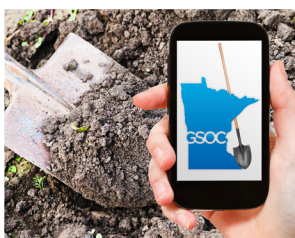
If you are a member of or have a contact with the following groups, this is your opportunity to be heard:

- Pipeline Operators
- State Regulators
- Underground Facility Operators
- Professional Excavators (Contractors)
- Utility Locators
- One Call Center Operations
- Municipalities
- Homeowners
- Landscaping and Nursery Companies
- Fencing Companies
- Professional Union and Organizations Representatives (MUCA, LICA, Local 49'ers Union, MNAGC, MNLA, etc.)

At the last meeting held on January 19th, 2017, subgroups formed to continue on-going discussions for the following topics:

- Definition of Excavation
- Definition of Emergency
- Boundary Surveys
- 48-Hour Notification
- Civil Penalties
- Abandoned Facilities

If you wish to participate, please contact Mike Mendiola at michael.mendiola@state.mn.us. This is your opportunity to be heard and to help keep Minnesota safe. Stay tuned for the announcement of the next meeting date!



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