



U.S. Department of Transportation
**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Via E-mail

Ms. Marissa Paslick Gillett
Chairman
Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Chairman Gillet:

On September 10, 2023, a representative of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) evaluated Connecticut's enforcement of its excavation damage prevention law. PHMSA conducted this evaluation under 49 United States Code § 60114 and 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 198, Subpart D—State Damage Prevention Enforcement Programs. Based on this evaluation, PHMSA has determined that the enforcement of Connecticut's excavation damage prevention law is "adequate."

PHMSA appreciates your dedication to pipeline safety. As you are aware, excavation damage continues to be a leading cause of pipeline failures, some of which result in fatalities, serious injuries, and environmental damage. Nationwide statistics show that effective enforcement of state damage prevention laws reduces excavation damage and pipeline incidents, resulting in enhanced public safety.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Appelbaum, PHMSA State Evaluator, at (202) 617-6329 or by email at David.Appelbaum@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zach Barrett".

Zach Barrett
Director, State Programs Division
Office of Pipeline Safety

cc: Mr. Karl Baker, Public Utilities Supervisor of Technical Analysis, Gas Pipeline Safety Unit, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection