



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 3, 2023

Via Email

Ms. Stephanie Mullen  
Executive Director  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
1150 East William Street  
Carson City, NV 89701-3109

Dear Executive Director Mullen:

On September 30, 2023, a representative of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) conducted an evaluation of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission's enforcement of the Nevada State excavation damage prevention law. PHMSA conducted this evaluation pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60114 and 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 198, Subpart D—State Damage Prevention Enforcement Programs. Based on this evaluation, PHMSA has determined that the enforcement of the Nevada excavation damage prevention law is "adequate."

PHMSA appreciates your dedication to safety. As you are aware, excavation damage continues to be a leading cause of pipeline failures, some of which have resulted 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 David Appelbaum, PHMSA State Evaluator, at (202) 617-6329 or by email at David.Appelbaum@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Zach Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zach" being more prominent than the last name "Barrett".

Zach Barrett  
Director, State Programs

cc: Mr. Neil Pascual, Senior Pipeline Safety Engineer (Program Manager),  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada