



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

Rebecca Cameron Valcq  
Chairperson  
Wisconsin Public Service Commission  
North Tower, 6th Floor  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Chairperson Valcq:

On August 1, 2023, a representative of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) conducted an evaluation of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's enforcement of the Wisconsin State excavation damage prevention law. PHMSA conducted this evaluation pursuant to 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 the Wisconsin 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 David Appelbaum, PHMSA State Programs, at (202) 617-6329 or by email at [david.appelbaum@dot.gov](mailto:david.appelbaum@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Zach Barrett", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Zach Barrett  
Director, State Programs

cc: Alex Kirschling, Gas Pipeline Safety Program Manager, Wisconsin Public Service Commission