



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

Mary A. Throne
Chairman
Wyoming Public Service Commission
2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Chairman Throne:

On October 11, 2023, a representative of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) conducted an evaluation of the Wyoming Public Service Commission's enforcement of the Wyoming 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 Wyoming 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.appellbaum@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Zach Barrett", is written over a light blue circular background.

Zach Barrett
Director, State Programs

cc: Mr. Perry McCollom, Engineering Supervisor, Wyoming Public Service Commission