UNIVERSITY SAFETY OFFICE

SUBJECT:
Digging Permit Procedure

I. PURPOSE
The purpose of this procedure is to provide safe guidance for digging, trenching, or excavating on the property of Sam Houston State University. Each year, countless unnecessary [and costly] repairs are made as a result of our employees and contractors performing one of the aforementioned activities without contacting all authorities having interests in underground utilities. Not only are resources wasted, but lives are often endangered by unplanned excavations.

II. SCOPE
This procedure will be followed by all employees and contractors performing work for the University.

III. EXCEPTIONS
This procedure does not apply to digging, trenching or excavations than are less than 12 inches deep or are dug by using a hand tool, i.e. a shovel, pick or hoe. However, the area to be dug should be probed or inspected with a locator.

IV. REQUIREMENTS
1. A Digging Permit shall be completed for all machine digging, trenching, or excavating that is expected to go to a depth of 16 inches or more.
2. The Texas One Call system shall be notified (1-800-245-4545) at least 24 hours prior to excavation work greater than 16 inches deep.
3. Supervisors or Project Managers [for contract work] are accountable for ensuring this procedure is implemented prior to start of work. Their signature will appear on the digging permit.
4. Supervisors or Project Managers will mark out the area of work by using the color white. Additionally, temporary barricades, warning signs, hazard or warning lights, or safety fences will be employed as needed.
5. The attached Digging Permit is to be filled out and coordinated before any digging begins by the responsible supervisor or manager. Each shop noted on the Digging Permit will complete their area on the permit by noting “marked”, “to be marked”, or N/A [meaning no utilities in the area] and returned to the requester. Each shop that has utilities in the work zone will be responsible for marking those utilities. The following colors will be used to mark the utilities in the work zone:

- RED = Electric powerlines, cables, conduit, and lighting cables
- YELLOW = Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or gaseous material
- ORANGE = Communication, alarm, or signal lines, cables, or conduit
- BLUE = Potable water
- GREEN = Sewer and drain lines
- PURPLE = Reclaimed water, irrigation, and slurry
- PINK = Temporary survey markings
- WHITE = Proposed excavation
A copy of the completed form must be provided to the appropriate Work Control center (Physical Plant or Residential Life) prior to start of work.

**Texas One Call System**

While it is acknowledged that much of work is on campus away from public utilities, it remains in everyone’s best interest to exercise every means of alleviating unnecessary losses of utilities. Notification of the Texas One Call System at 1-800-245-4545 is required unless hand digging is being accomplished. Please also note the excavation precautions around natural gas lines outlined in the enclosed correspondence [encl 2] from Reliant Entergy Entex.
Digging Permit
Sam Houston State University
Physical Plant

Dig Permit Procedures:
1) Print Dig Permit
2) Complete project description and supervisor’s information
3) Contact each of the required approvals listed:
   a. Request a fax number so that you may fax them a copy of the project description
   b. Schedule a time when you may meet to have them sign the Dig Permit
4) Make a copy of the completed permit for your records
5) Deliver the original completed Dig Permit to the appropriate Work Control center (Physical Plant or Residential Life).

Contact Name: ____________________________
Contact Email: ____________________________
Contact Fax #: ____________________________
Work Order No./Project No.: ____________________________
Date work is to be performed: ____________________________
Time work is to be performed: ____________________________
Supervisor/Manager: ____________________________
Supervisor/Manager Telephone No.: ____________________________

General Description/Sketch of Work Area:
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