 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Digging Procedure and Permit

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.

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 that are less than 16 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 Excavation Safety System (TESS or Texas 811) 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 = HVAC hot water and chilled water, 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.
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Give the original completed Dig Permit to the appropriate Work Control (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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