

**Washington Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Damage Prevention Committee Report - July 17, 2008**

The primary objectives of the group since the last Citizens Committee meeting were as follows:

- Recommendations regarding the "clarifications to Chapter 19.122 RCW"
- Analysis of other state damage prevention regulations
- Action plan including areas for focus through year-end 2008

The committee members conducted individual reviews and met on a conference call on July 2, 2008 to discuss their findings.¹

Recommendations regarding the "clarifications to Chapter 19.122 RCW"

The Damage Prevention Committee recommends that the clarification proposed in the document from the UTC ([UTC Clarify 19122.pdf](#)) be submitted to the Legislature for adoption. However, it is anticipated that additional changes may be proposed to 19.122 RCW. Since opportunities for specific RCW changes do not occur in each Legislative session, the Committee also recommends that additional desired changes also be considered, such as:

- Marking of laterals
- Abandoned facilities
- Positive response on locates
- Mandatory One Call membership
- Damage reporting requirements
- Enforcement (designated agency)
- Fines and penalties
- Specific responsibilities (Operator, Contractor, Excavator, Locator and Land Owner)

Analysis of other state damage prevention regulations

Analysis of the Pennsylvania regulations and the results of the PIPA sponsored NAPS survey on state regulations will be presented at the July 17th Citizens Committee meeting. Analysis of the regulations of additional states may also be available at that time.

Action plan including areas for focus through year-end 2008

The UTC strategy for implementing the PIPES requirements has provided guidance for the efforts of the Citizens Committee and the Damage Prevention sub-committee. This strategy was developed prior to the appointment of Anne Soiza as the new Pipeline Safety Director. The Damage Prevention sub-committee requests guidance from the UTC regarding the current focus of that strategy and the appropriate support role of the Citizens Committee.

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¹ Don Evans also participated in the conference call