

South Dakota One Call Board
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in AmericInn by Wyndham, in the Scottie Room, at 312 Island Dr, Fort Pierre, SD 57532 on July 11, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Central) to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered

§§ 20:25:03:05.01, 20:25:03:04, 20:25:01:01, 20:25:03:01, and 20:25:03:07;

The effect of the rules will be to 1) mandate excavators to identify the precise site being excavated by "white lining", or pre-marking the area of excavation with white paint or flags; 2) mandate operators to participate in a Positive Response program, which would require operators to provide response to the notification center prior to the ticket start date and time; and 3) limit excavators from updating current tickets after 63 calendar days have elapsed from the start date of the original ticket.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to further the Board's goal of preventing damage to underground facilities. Mandating excavators to white line will assist locators in accurately determining where excavation is planned, will more effectively and efficiently mark where excavation is planned, and ultimately prevent damage to underground facilities. The positive response requirements will provide more data to excavators about when locates are complete and provide better data to the Board regarding tickets that are not located within the 48 hour required time frame. Finally, limiting update tickets will mandate excavators to be more thoughtful about what tickets they are calling in to be located, lessening the burden upon locators.

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, or mail or e-mail them to the Executive Director of the One Call Board, Codi Gregg, at codi@sd811.com. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by July 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. central time.

After the written comment period, the South Dakota One Call Board will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The South Dakota One Call Board may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact South Dakota One Call at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling (605) 863 – 0951.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge:

By emailing Codi Gregg, Executive Direction of the One Call Board, at the below information, or by visiting rules.sd.gov, or by visiting sdonecall.com

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