

PART 503 – SAFETY

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WY 503.02 (e) General Considerations

- (1) In Wyoming, the following procedure will be followed:
 - (a) Take adequate precautions to minimize hazards from or damages to all utilities, both overhead and underground, during location, investigation, design and construction of any works carried out under any NRCS program.
 - (b) Landowners or operators are to be notified of their liability concerning damage to utilities or resulting damage created by such action. They are to be informed that NRCS makes no representation as to the existence or nonexistence of any utilities. By reviewing and signing the CPA-5 form, the landowner is acknowledging responsibility and liability for damage to utilities. State law requires that landowners planning to excavate, or designing a project that requires excavation, obtain information from persons with underground facilities, as to the nature, location, and depth if known, of the underground facility.
 - (c) NRCS may be held responsible for damage done by its employees during site investigations performed by the NRCS or under their direction. NRCS employees are to be aware of all overhead and underground utilities in and near sites where design investigations are carried out. Show only the location of known utilities on the construction drawings. Include this note on the first page (cover) all construction drawings:

BEFORE START OF CONSTRUCTION, THE EXCAVATOR IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING NOTICE BY CALLING ONE
CALL OF WYOMING AT 800-849-2476 AT LEAST TWO
FULL WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION

WY 503.03 Investigations

- (1) Geologic investigations and core drilling and auguring are also considered excavations. The contract driller shall make the Wyoming One Call notification. When NRCS drilling equipment is used, the NRCS person in charge (geologist, engineer, or technician) shall make the Wyoming One Call notification.

WY 503.04 Buried Utilities

- (1) If buried utilities are known to be in the vicinity of the proposed work, by Wyoming State Law, it is the excavator's responsibility to notify Wyoming One Call at least two full business days, but not more than fourteen days, prior to beginning excavation. No excavation shall begin until all underground utility locates have been completed at the work site.

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- (2) The responsible NRCS employee shall document in writing, on the technical assistance notes, in the producers file that the preceding action has been completed prior to beginning any excavation in the vicinity of the buried utility.

WY 503.06 State Laws

- (1) The Wyoming State Law that addresses Wyoming One Call is known as the “Wyoming Underground Facilities Notification Act”, Wyoming Statute Title 37 Public Utilities, Chapter 12 Article 3, 37-12-301.