Canadian Association of Pipeline and Utility Locating Contractors (CAPULC) – February Update

Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard (Version 1.0)

The Canadian Association of Pipeline and Utility Locating Contractors (CAPULC) is proud to announce the successful completion and launch of the Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard (Version 1.0). Representing a major industry milestone, this document provides a comprehensive framework for locating and marking underground infrastructure. In addition to being critical to safeguarding buried facilities from accidental damage, the standard is of particular importance to the industry as it provides a consistent framework for gaining efficiencies through standardization which can help lead to alleviating the shortage of skilled workers.

Over the course of a year, with assistance from Jiva Consulting, the CAPULC Board of Directors oversaw a rigorous process that included extensive research and intense peer review before formally accepting and publishing the standard. The document provides guidance on the locating process of all types of buried infrastructure throughout the country. This achievement marks the culmination of many years of effort by CAPULC members and represents the first document of its kind in Canada.

According to CAPULC Board President Jamie Andersen, the lack of a standardized document has made it increasingly challenging to establish consistency and cultivate proficiency in the industry, given the escalating demand for this vital service. "We are thrilled to release this document," Ms. Andersen said. "With Jiva's support, we have been able to distill a complex process into clear guidance for individuals involved with locating underground facilities. The document's instructions will assist industry professionals across Canada in operating safely and effectively. It also provides a practical foundation on which we can attract, retain, and develop talent. Line locating is a crucial aspect of maintaining our infrastructure and a viable career path."

To download a copy of the Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard (Version 1.0) follow the link or QR Code below or email <u>admin@capulc.ca</u> and request your copy!



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