**Section 265.50 Emergency Excavation and Demolition**

Every person in connection with emergency excavation or demolition, or when any other emergency operation might interfere with existing underground facilities, shall:

a) Notify, through the State-Wide One-Call Notice System, as promptly as possible the underground utility facilities operators known to have underground utility facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area;

b) Unless an immediate safety hazard exists, wait two hours after providing notice to the State-Wide One-Call Notice System before beginning excavation or demolition;

c) If an immediate safety hazard exists such that a two-hour wait is not possible:

1) Assume the responsibility for demonstrating that site conditions warranted the earlier start time;

2) Conduct a thorough site assessment to determine the location of underground utility facilities;

3) Locate the underground utility facilities with acceptable equipment, if possible;

4) Use hand or vacuum excavation around any known or suspected underground utility facilities;

5) Immediately and directly notify the utility line operators, if necessary;

d) Take all reasonable precautions to avoid or minimize interference between the emergency work and existing underground utility facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area.