



## Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority

**To:** Title XII Re-write Steering Committee Members et.al.  
**From:** Jim Barron, MUFDPDA  
**CC:**  
**Date:** July 27, 2017  
**Re:** July 27, 2017 Meeting Notes

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At the fifth meeting of the Title XII re-write, the following items were discussed:

### Targets:

- §12-101 (0)(3) – MML & MACo to discuss the storm drain exemption issue with regard to the prevalence of “cross boring” (directional drilling) in today’s world. This has become a health and safety issue for utility maintenance workers as well as the general public. Both Washington Gas and BGE are willing to assist in any technical questions that might arise.

**Please Note: Attached is a copy of the “Dangers of Unmarked Sewer Laterals” that Washington Gas prepared when the Authority introduced the 2015 Legislation, which resulted in §12-129 being added to Title 12. This would also apply to unmarked storm drains.**

- §12-101- Emergency Definition & §12-121(a)(3) – 3-hour Emergency Ticket – The locators have been asked to review the proposed language and return with comments, refinements or suggestions at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. An excerpt of the proposed changes is attached.
- Excavator Definition – (NJ Statute) "Excavator" means any person performing excavation or demolition and may include a contractor having oversight for an excavation or demolition to be performed by rented, operated equipment under the contractor's on-site direction provided the contractor contacts the One-Call Damage Prevention System in the contractor's name, thereby assuming responsibility and liability, to give notice of the intent to engage in excavation or demolition work in that manner; - **PLEASE LOOK AT AND CONSIDER THIS LANGUAGE FOR THE NEW DEFINITION**

- **FUTURE SECTIONS OF THE STAUTE FOR DICUSSION §12-110; §12-121;**
- **§12-124; §12-126; §121-127**
- Please be prepared to discuss the section changes in “red “(under consideration) at the AUGUST 10, 2017 meeting.
- The Agenda for the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be sent by blast email prior to the meeting and will also be posted on the Authority website.
- Prepare for introduction of legislation for the 2019 Legislative Session. The bill will be cross-filed as before.

**Reminders -**

**Potential Changes:** No changes will be added to the working copy of the statue unless discussed by the committee and placed in RED to indicate under consideration. Once agree upon the text will convert to GREEN. Any language to be removed from the statute will be bracketed in RED and struck through, then turned to GREEN once agreed upon.

**All meeting notes,** lists and amendments will be put on the Authority website within 24 hours: [www.mddpa.org](http://www.mddpa.org) /click on Capitol Dome to go to the Title XII re-write page.

**Next Meeting(s):** Thursday, August 10, 2017 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 24, 2017 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.)

**Attachments:** Please go to [www.mddpa.org](http://www.mddpa.org) and click on the Annapolis Capitol Dome for the following:

Title XII Statute mark-up; July 27, 2017 Sign-in Sheet & Meeting Notes