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### Subject: Locating Sewer and Water Service Laterals

The Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety is writing to remind sewer and water facility owners that full compliance with Minnesota Rule 7560.0375 – LOCATING A SERVICE LATERAL – assures public safety and minimizes costly damages. All sewer and water facility owners should be aware of the following when requested to locate their facilities:

- **Sewer and Water Service Laterals installed after December 31, 2005**  
*MR 7560.0375 Subpart 1 Paragraph C*  
If a sewer or water service lateral is installed after December 31, 2005, that portion of the service lateral within the public right-of-way must be located.
- **Sewer and Water Service Laterals installed prior to January 1, 2006**  
*MR 7560.0375 Subpart 1 Paragraph C*  
If a sewer or water service lateral is installed prior to January 1, 2006, the service lateral facility operator shall do at least one of the following:
  - Locate the service lateral
  - Provide maps, drawings, diagrams, or other records
  - Notify the excavator that no information exists

A copy of the *Gopher State One Call Handbook* is enclosed for your reference.

Please contact this office with your questions or concerns. Anyone observing locating practices (or lack there-of) that do not conform to Minnesota Rule 7560.0375 is encouraged to contact this Office.

Thank you for keeping Minnesota safe!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Blackwell".

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