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DIRECTIONAL DRILL POLICY

Due to the numerous instances where wastewater force mains have been damaged by directional drilling activities, the City of Tampa has implemented the following "Directional Drill Policy" to prevent damage to these facilities. This policy is effective immediately and applies to all utility installations by directional drilling that are planned or constructed within the City of Tampa's Wastewater Service area.

Directional Drilling Policy:

- At locations where a directional drill installation will cross a force main or will be installed parallel to a force main with less than a 10-foot clearance, the contractor shall perform a soft dig, vacuum excavation, or comparable method to verify the actual location of the force main prior to construction. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) is not an acceptable method to verify actual force main locations. The force mains shall be located at each crossing and at 200 feet intervals when parallel to an existing force main. The contractor, or representative, shall contact the Wastewater Department's Field Inspector, Sergio Albury by phone at 813.274.8089 or via email at Sergio.Albury@tampagov.net and supply construction information, location, schedule, etc., prior to locating the wastewater force mains and the start of any work. The utility installation work shall not start until the Field Inspector verifies that the force mains have been properly located and are not in conflict with the proposed installation. The locating efforts, scheduling, coordination, permitting, and notification is the responsibility of the contractor. Pavement that is disturbed as a result of the locating efforts shall be restored by the Contractor in accordance with requirements of the governmental agency responsible for the right-of-way where the work is located.

This policy is in addition to the "Call Sunshine requirements.