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## Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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D-240867

Nov 13, 2024

**Records Management** 

Received

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Jeff Killip, Executive Director, and Secretary UTC Records Center Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Review Committee Decision – Complaint Case 24-082 NW Natural Gas vs Hildebrand Concrete Construction Inc

Dear Mr. Killip:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee (committee) received a complaint filed by NW Natural Gas against Hildebrand Concrete Construction Inc. (Hildebrand Concrete) regarding potential violations of the Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030.

On Nov. 5, 2024, the committee formed a peer review board and reviewed Complaint Case 24-082.

The peer review board determined that Hildebrand Concrete violated RCW 19.122.030(2) one time for failure to provide notice to a one-number locator service not less than two business days before the scheduled excavation date.

Additionally, the peer review board determined that Hildebrand Concrete also violated RCW 19.122.030(5) one time for making a locate request, and then not waiting for all known facility operators to mark their underground facilities.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$2,000 be assessed to the respondent as follows:

- \$1,000 for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(2) that occurred on Sept. 9, 2024, at S Royle Rd, Ridgefield, WA.
- \$1,000 for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(5) that occurred on Sept. 11, 2024, at 4905 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA.

Additionally, the committee recommends a deferral opportunity be offered to suspend \$1,600 of the \$2,000 total, based on the conditions that company management and field crews involved in excavation at Hildebrand Concrete attend in-person NUCA Dig Safe Training; and the company incurs no additional violations of RCW 19.122 within the next 12 months.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this recommendation. You may contact me at 206-794-9823.

Sincerely,

Jim Walton, Chair

cc:

Marina Rathbun, UTC Jaimie Lemke, NW Natural Gas Paul Hildebrand, Hildebrand Concrete