



Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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October 17, 2019

Mark Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Members of the Commission
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Review Committee Decision - Case 19-073 Town of Coupeville vs. Stuurman's Construction

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received a complaint regarding a potential violation of the Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030(2) for work performed on August 7, 2019.

On October 14, 2019, the the committee formed a review board and heard Case 19-073 Town of Coupeville vs. Stuurman's Construction.

The review board determined that the respondent, Stuurman's Construction, violated RCW 19.122.030(2) for failing to provide notice to a one call locator service prior to beginning excavation.

Therefore the committee recommends a penalty of \$1000.00 be assessed with \$500.00 deferred and ultimately suspended on the condition that Cecil Stuurman and Scott Stuurman attend Dig Safe training and have no additional violations of the dig law within 12 months of receiving the penalty order. The committee recommends Stuurman's be warned that any further violation of RCW 19.122.030 brought before the committee may be subject to a penalty of up to \$5000.00, for each violation.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this case. I can be contacted at 206-794-9823.

Sincerely,

Jim Walton, Chair
cc: Lynda Holloway, UTC
Cecil Stuurman