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**MEMBER BULLETIN**

**January 5th 2024**

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| **New Locate Regulation** |

The Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery has recently approved a new regulation under the ***Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012****.*

The new regulation sets out exemptions for the time delivery of a standard locate request for **“large excavations”.** The legislated timeline for a utility owner to provide a locate is now **10 business days** as opposed to **5 business days.**

*Large Excavation is defined in the regulation as:*

*an excavation or dig site that is comprised of,*

*(a) at least two properties or parts of properties, each having its own municipal address, or*

*(b) one or more properties or parts of properties, at least one of which has no municipal address*

1. For the purposes of clause 6 (5) (b) of the Act, if a member of the Corporation receives a notification under subsection 6 (1) of the Act about a standard locate request made with regard to a large excavation or dig site, the time limit that applies instead of the time limit set out in subsection 6 (3) **of the Act is 10 business days after the member receives the notification.**

**The Regulation will come into force May 1st, 2024.**

**A link to the new regulation can be found here** [here](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r24001)

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