

Subsurface Investigation Guidelines for Right of Way Use Permits

Purpose: To address potential risk and damage to subsurface facilities. To protect public health, safety and welfare, and to outline applicable means and methods that may be employed during the design or construction phase of a construction activity requiring a Right of Way Use Permit.

Scope of Work and Conditions	New infrastructure in new location		New infrastructure at and substantially within the existing location and structural limits	
	Design Phase *	Construction Phase **	Design Phase*	Construction Phase**
Directional drilling or boring, which requires boring profile to provide and ensure vertical and horizontal utility clearances.	X ^{(1), (2), (3)}	X ^{(2), (3)}		X ^{(2), (3)}
New structures or infrastructure within 2 feet horizontally to City water, sewer, storm drainage facilities and systems.	X ^{(1), (2), (3)}	X ^{(2), (3)}		X ^{(2), (3)}
New structures or infrastructure within 2 feet horizontally to PSE High Pressure gas lines and services.	X ^{(2), (3)}	X ^{(2), (3)}		X ^{(2), (3)}
New structures or infrastructure within Olympic Pipeline easements/limits as defined by BP OPLC standards and requirements.	X ^{(2), (3)}	X ^{(2), (3)}	X ^{(2), (3)}	X ^{(2), (3)}

Potholing means and methods, which include shoring and safe excavation practices as may be required by law:

- (1) By application of Ground Penetrating Radar (no excavation involved)
- (2) By application of Hydro-trenching/excavation (vactoring)
- (3) By open trench, hand digging/excavation

Prior to or following issuance of a Right of Way Use Permit:

(*) Prior to Right of Way Use Permit approval and issuance

(**) Following Right of Way Use Permit approval and issuance prior to any and all excavations

Notes: New infrastructure at existing locations examples may include:

Manholes, catch basins, utilities

Streetlight and signal poles

Pipes, conduits, junction boxes



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