

Findings:

- State legislation has been enacted mandating a one-number-to-call system which requires that all excavators contact a State-authorized notification center through a toll-free telephone number prior to any excavation in New Jersey.
- A comprehensive inspection of interstate natural gas transmission pipelines in New Jersey was conducted by the Board of Public Utilities' Bureau of Pipeline Safety staff in concert with Federal inspectors. The Board of Public Utilities is awaiting the final report to be issued by the Federal Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety.
- The New Jersey's gas utilities' transmission systems are currently being comprehensively inspected by pipeline safety inspectors.

Recommendations:

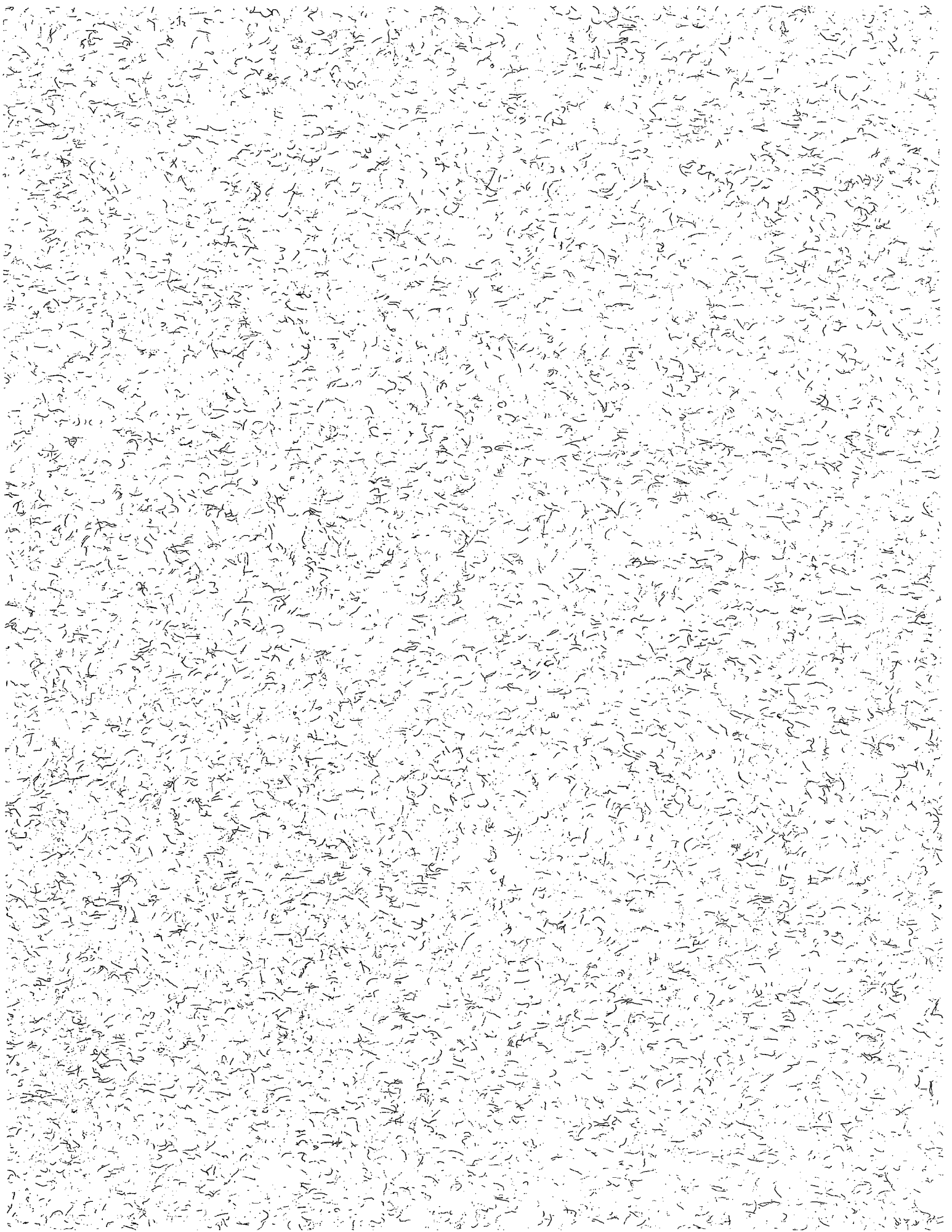
- ▲ Affected parties should be encouraged to assist the Board of Public Utilities in the preparation of appropriate procedures to fulfill the requirements of the One Number-to-Call law. The Board of Public Utilities, through its Bureau of Pipeline Safety, will meet with affected parties to consider appropriate procedures and potential rulemaking.
- ▲ A Board of Public Utilities review should be undertaken once the federal interstate pipeline report is available, to ensure that all safety aspects have been addressed. Upon completion of the intrastate inspection report, the Board will review safety recommendations, and any possible noncompliance with safety requirements will be pursued for corrective action.
- ▲ The Board of Public Utilities should complete the process of adopting enforcement

regulations. Once approved, parties should be directed to inform appropriate operating personnel of the enforcement procedures to minimize the likelihood of noncompliance with gas safety rules.

▲ The Board of Public Utilities Pipeline Safety staff should closely monitor the utilities' cast iron and bare steel pipeline replacement programs to ensure adherence to procedures and replacement in established time frames.

▲ All owners of gas master meter facilities should certify through proper evaluation procedures that their pipeline systems are safe.

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End Notes

1. *N.J.S.A. 48:2-1 et seq.*
2. State of New Jersey Reorganization Plan Number 001-1994 issued May 5, 1994 (26 *N.J.R.* 2171), June 6, 1994.
3. *Ibid.*
4. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Number 436, June 9, 1985, *Associated Gas Distributors v. FERC*.
5. FERC Order Number 636, April 8, 1992, Docket Nos. RM91-11-000; RM87-34-065.
6. Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; Title IV; 42 U.S.C. 7651 b. (Section 403).
7. *United States v. American Telephone Co.*, 552 F. Supp. 131 (D.D.C. 1982), *aff'd sub nom Maryland v. U.S.*, 460 U.S. 1001 (1983).
8. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order Number 79-105; *Detariffing the Installation and Maintenance of Inside Wiring*.
9. *Ibid.*
10. Telecommunications Act of 1992; (*N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.16 et seq.*) January 17, 1992.
11. California Public Utilities Commission; *Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commissions Proposed Policies Governing Restructuring California's Electric Services Industry and Reforming Regulation*, Docket Number R.94-04-031; April 20, 1994; and *Order Instituting Investigation on the Commissions Proposed Policies Governing Restructuring California's Electric Service Industry and Reforming Regulation*, Docket Number I.94-040032; April 20, 1994.
12. Michigan Public Service Commission; *In the matter of the application of the Association of Business Advocating Tariff Equity for approval of an experimental retail wheeling tariff for Consumers Power Company*, Case Number U-10143; April 11, 1994.
13. *Recommendations for an Enhanced Electric Utility Planning and Procurement Process; Report of the Advisory Council on Electricity Planning and Procurement*, July 21, 1993.
14. Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; 15 U.S.C. 3202 (Section 302) as amended by the Energy Policy Act (Section 115).
15. Electric Facility Need Assessment Act, *N.J.S.A. 48:7-16 et seq.*
16. *N.J.S.A. 48:2-1 et seq.*
17. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Air Emissions Inventory, 1994.
18. Ozone Transport Commission, Memorandum of Understanding, September 27, 1994.
19. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Air Emissions Inventory, 1994.
20. Energy Policy Act of 1992; Section 304 (a).
21. Energy Policy Act of 1992; Section 304 (b).
22. *Comparison of 1993 BOCA National Energy Conservation Code vs. 1992 CABO Model Energy Code for the State of New Jersey*.
23. Federal Register, Vol. 59, Number 135; July 15, 1994.

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