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Subject: Rule Changes under the Title 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 18 Underground

Pipeline Prevention

To whom it may concern,

The City of Beaumont objects to any rule changing to Chapter 18 Underground Pipeline Prevention that will broaden its scope or make it more stringent than it already is. The only changes to that rule should have the objective of reducing the financial impact on municipalities that are already struggling to maintain old deteriorated infrastructure. Municipalities should be able to use funds to protect public health and safety instead of paying fines.

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