

Safety Bulletin

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Excavation Security



Condition of site at time of inspection



Properly secured site with lease entrance barricades and fully erected snow fence

Details

During a routine site inspection, an EUB inspector discovered an unattended open excavation for which security was not maintained. A fluid hauler had left the fence down while transporting recovered water from the site to the disposal facility. The hauler understood that this was acceptable practice, and had re-erected the fence at the end of each day.

A High Risk Enforcement Action was issued to IOR under EUB Directive 66 (Requirements and Procedures for Pipelines)

Actions

1. Assess similar sites (active spill sites, drilling sumps, pipeline bell holes, etc.) and determine if security is adequate to restrict public access (could include fencing, signage, barricades, manning of site, etc.)
2. Clearly communicate with employees and contractors our expectations that security measures around open excavations are to be in place when the lease is unattended.