

**PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO PRACTICE 5-17 (Redline follows)**

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**Practice Description:**

During an excavation project, the marks for underground facilities may need to be in place far longer than the locating method is durable. Painting, staking, and other marking techniques can be compromised by construction activity, weather, and unauthorized removal, and may last only as circumstances allow. When a mark is no longer visible, but work continues around the facility, the excavator requests a re-mark to ensure the protection of the facility.

**Reference:**

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**REDLINE MODIFICATIONS TO 5-17 BELOW**

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