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COCA Column on Underground Hits appears in JOC

The Journal of Commerce has published a column from Grant McMillan of COCA on the high risk presented by hits on underground utilities.

The column can be viewed online at:

<http://www.joconl.com/article/id39868>

The Council of Construction Associations (COCA) is joining the B.C. Construction Association (BCCA) in calling for two specific actions:

1. Gas utility companies should be responsible for doing field marking and locating to identify their underground utilities.
2. Membership in BC One-Call should be mandated for all underground utility owners.

The BCCA strongly recommends that the provincial government amend gas regulations to require field marking and locating to be done by the gas utility owner.

B.C. is the only jurisdiction in North America that doesn't follow this best practice to protect both workers and the public.