

761—115.20(306A) Utility investigation and notice of project.**115.20(1)** *Determining affected utilities.*

a. The department will make a reasonable effort to identify utility facilities located in the vicinity of a proposed primary road project and collect location information and attributes.

b. The department will periodically evaluate the information available and determine the utility investigation needs for the project. Utility companies are to respond to collaboration efforts with the department to determine the best approach to meet those needs.

c. The department will look at potential utility impacts and initiate coordination with utility owners. A utility conflict list should be used to document and track information obtained on the potential utility conflicts.

115.20(2) *Notifying utilities.* The department will identify by name the owner of each known utility facility located within the vicinity of a proposed primary road project. In accordance with Iowa Code section 306A.10, the department will send to each identified utility owner a notice of the improvement project, including the route number of the primary road, the geographical limits of the project and a general description of the proposed primary road work to be done, type of project, important schedule milestones, and, if available, the name and contact information of the designer or a department's representative for coordination purposes.

115.20(3) *Responding to notice.* The utility owner shall:

a. Within 30 calendar days after the date of the notice, provide to the department information about the utility owner's utility facilities that are in the vicinity of the improvement project. This information shall include the following:

(1) A confirmation in writing that the utility owner has or has no facilities in the vicinity of the project.

(2) Information on the utility owner's utility facilities' location and attributes, the name of any other utility companies that have utility facilities that coexist with the utility owner's utility facilities and contact information of the coexisting utility owner's authorized representative.

b. The utility owner is to reply regardless of whether or not it has utility facilities in the project's vicinity.

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