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Commission Joins Arizona 811 in Damage Prevention and Safety Seminars for Contractors

(Phoenix)—The Corporation Commission joins Arizona 811 (formerly known as Arizona Blue Stake) in launching the first Metro Phoenix Region Damage Prevention & Safety Seminars of 2016 this week. The free seminars help contractors assure they are safe and following the law when they begin any excavation project anywhere in Arizona.

Contractors and homeowners are required either to call Arizona 811 using the simple three-digit number, 8-1-1, or use Arizona 811's E-Stake <http://www.arizona811.com> tool to create a utility-line location ticket online before beginning any digging or other excavation project. This gives utilities time to mark the location of their underground lines, pipes and cables. Failing to contact Arizona 811 can result in expensive damage to utility lines, serious injury or even death.

Seminars are also critical for providing contractors with information about excavation and confined space safety as well as opportunities for free Competent Person Training so they can work safely, understand the utility location markings, and comply with the law. Corporation Commission staff will discuss the legal consequences for failing to contact Arizona 811. Homeowners should also work with their contractors to assure that Arizona 811 has been contacted before any work begins on their property.

The free seminars will be held on February 18th and 25th at the Arizona 811 Center at 1405 W. Auto Drive in Tempe from 9 am until noon for those who have already registered. Pre-registration is required. Additional free seminars will be offered throughout the year in Metro Phoenix, Southern Arizona and Northern Arizona. For upcoming dates, times and locations or other questions about excavating you can visit www.Arizona811.com or email Public.Services@Arizona811.com. You can also consult the Arizona Corporation Commission Safety Division at: <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/safety/pipeline.asp> or (602) 262-5601.