

**SECTION 02150**  
**PROTECTION OF WORK AND PUBLIC**

A. Accident Prevention

Precautions shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons and property. Safe work procedures of all applicable laws, building and construction, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act and Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, shall be observed. The U.S. Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations shall be complied with except where state and local safety standards exceed the federal requirements and except where state safety standards have been approved by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Also, the City's safety policy shall apply to all work performed.

B. First Aid

The Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall keep upon the site, at each location where work is in progress, a completely equipped first aid kit and shall provide ready access thereto at all times when employees are employed on the work.

C. Access to Public Services

Neither the materials excavated nor the materials or plant used in the construction of the work shall be placed so as to prevent free access to all fire hydrants, valves or manholes.

D. Barriers and Lights

During the prosecution of the Work, Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall put up and maintain during the nighttime such barriers and lights as will effectively prevent accidents. Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall provide suitable barricades, red light, torches, "danger," "caution" or "street closed" signs at all places where the work causes obstructions to the normal traffic or constitutes in any way a hazard to the public.

E. Noise

Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall at all times eliminate noise to the maximum practicable extent. Air compressing plants shall be equipped with silencers and the exhaust of all gasoline motors or other power equipment shall be provided with mufflers. In the vicinity of hospitals and schools, special care shall be used to avoid noise or other nuisances, and Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall strictly observe all local regulations and ordinances covering such locations.

F. Notice to be Given

A notice shall be given by Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor to all Municipal Departments, public utility corporations, and property owners whose pipes, poles, tracks, wires or conduits or other structures may be affected by the work in order that they may locate and mark, protect, adjust, remove or rebuild them or take such measures as they may desire to minimize inconvenience. Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall likewise notify the chiefs of the police and fire departments for the area affected twenty-four hours in advance of the temporary blocking of any street. Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall give a four (4) hour notice to all affected property owners whenever services are taken out of service.

#### G. Responsibility

Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall at all times in performance of the work, employ approved methods and exercise reasonable care and skill so as to avoid unnecessary delay, injury, damage or destruction of public and utility installations and structures. In addition, the Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall at all times in the performance of the work, avoid unnecessary interference with, or interruption of public and utility services, and shall cooperate fully with the owners thereof to that end.

Valparaiso City Utilities or its Contractor shall be responsible for any damages to structures, pipes, cables, etc. caused during the progress of the Work.

Valparaiso City Utilities Contractor shall provide to the Utility a planned traffic routing to be approved by the Utility.

The Contractor's normal workday limitations shall be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Utility understands that in some cases, the work hours and days need to be adjusted for various reasons, and will consider the schedule for approval on an as-needed basis.

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