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Section 404.15.3

Question:

Is it the intent of 404.15.3 to approve the use of conductive foil marking tape for underground plastic pipe. Like it complies with Federal Gas And Safety Regulations 192.321, Osha 1926.956, DOT USAS B31.8, AGA 72-D-56 and NTSB- PSS-73-1?

Answer

No, the intent of this section is to require a tracer to be installed adjacent to underground nonmetallic piping.

Commentary:

The code allows a yellow insulated copper tracer wire or other approved conductor. Approved is defined as "Acceptable to the code official or other authority having jurisdiction". Therefore, to use a material other than a yellow insulated copper tracer wire would first need approval of the Code Official.

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