Dear Industry Professionals,

PROTECTION OF WATER PIPES FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The Public Utilities (Protection of Water Pipes Infrastructure) Regulations was introduced on 30 June 2017. Under the Regulations, specified activities within the protection corridor of < 300mm dia water pipe require a notification to PUB, Water Supply Network Department (WSN), while specified activities within the protection corridor of ≥ 300mm dia water pipes require an approval from PUB (WSN) before the works can commence. Details of the Regulations can be found on the following website: https://sso.agc.gov.sg/SL-Supp/S337-2017/Published/20170629?DocDate=20170629.

To facilitate submissions under the Regulations, PUB had launched the online submission system, Protection Of Water and Sewer pipes (POWS) on 22 June 2018. POWS can be accessed from the following website: https://bpu.pub.gov.sg/pows.

All contractors working near to water pipes shall carry out due diligence by purchasing the Water Services Plan (WSP), carry out trial trenches to positively identify the alignment and depth of water pipes and make submission/obtain approval from PUB(WSN) before the commencement of works. PUB(WSN) has further provided an advisory note on the requirements for protection of water pipes on the following website: www.pub.gov.sg/Documents/Watermains_AdvisoryNotes.pdf.

Recently, there have been an increase in the number of damages to water pipes due to construction activities. The damages were mostly caused by activities that were not submitted to PUB(WSN) for approval. Under Section 47(a) of the Public Utilities Act, damage to a water pipe shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $200,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or both.

PUB takes a serious view on the damage to all water pipes. Impact of damages include interruption of water supply to customers, losing precious water resource, causing inconvenience to the public and delaying construction projects. As such, we strongly urge the industry to work together with PUB in safeguarding our water pipe infrastructure.

Should you need any clarification on the requirements for the protection of water pipes, please contact PUB(WSN) at 6380 9836 or email to PUB_WSN_Surveillance@pub.gov.sg.

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