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Title <i>EXCAVATION SAFETY</i>	Effective Date 05/29/2012

*Purpose* This program outlines procedures and guidelines for the protection of employees working in and around excavations and trenches. This program requires compliance with [OSHA Standards described in Subpart P \(CFR 1926.650\) for the construction industry.](#)

*Responsibilities* **UAA employees will not engage in trenching or excavating that exceeds 4ft in depth.** Any work needed at depths greater than this will be sourced to a contractor with the appropriate documentation, equipment, and training to conduct said work.

*General Safety* Before any excavation, underground installations must be determined. This can be accomplished by either contacting the local utility companies or the local "one-call" center for the area. All underground utility locations must be documented on the proper forms. All overhead hazards (surface encumbrances) that create a hazard to employees must be removed or supported to eliminate the hazard.

No employee will work in an excavation where water is accumulating unless adequate measures are used to protect the employees.