

## **NEW EXCAVATION & TRENCH SAFETY PERMIT POLICY**

Effective February 17, 2009, all excavators must obtain a permit prior to the creation of a trench made for a construction-related purpose, in accordance with Chapter 82A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and title 520 14.00 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations. These new Massachusetts Department of Public Safety and Division of Occupational Safety regulations are designed to provide safety for the general public. In addition, this policy affirms OSHA standards (29 CFR 1926 Subpart P) as the minimum requirements for worker protection and excavation/trench safety.