

Trenching and Excavation: Failure to Inspect Trench and Protective Systems

Inspecting excavations:

Before construction begins.

Daily before each shift.

As needed throughout the shift.

Following rainstorms or other hazard-increasing events (such as a vehicle or other equipment approaching the edge of an excavation).

Inspections must be conducted by a competent person who:

- Has training in soil analysis.
- Has training in the use of protective systems.
- Is knowledgeable about the OSHA requirements.
- Has authority to immediately eliminate hazards.