4. Specific Excavation Requirements.
c. General Requirements.
   (2) Underground Installations. The estimated location of utility installations, such as sewer, telephone, fuel, electric, and water lines, or any other underground installations that reasonably may be expected to be encountered during excavation work, shall have been determined prior to opening an excavation.
   (e) The sloped end of a trench, e.g., an earth ramp, may be considered a safe means of egress on...

3 OSHA does not consider lifting equipment as "an other safe means of egress." For example, employees riding in a backhoe bucket to either enter or exit trench excavations, is not "other safe means of egress" for purposes of the standard. (See 29 CFR 1926 651(c)(2) and 54 FR 45918 (Oct. 31, 1989)).