

MPSC DAMAGE REPORTING

DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORTING TOOL- DIRT

- The program collects critical information, analyzing the numbers and producing targeted recommendations to damage prevention stakeholders about how to best protect buried facilities.
- With the launch of the Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) in late 2003, stakeholders have been able to submit underground damage and near-miss reports through a completely secure, private web application.
- Using information submitted through the tool each year, CGA's Data Reporting and Evaluation program publishes an annual report (the DIRT Report).

MICHIGAN VIRTUAL PRIVATE DIRT

- **Mission**

- Our purpose is to provide an easy-to-use on-line form and related tools for stakeholders to share essential detail about underground damage or near-miss incidents for use in determining root causes, which will be evaluated and used to focus and promote underground damage prevention education and training efforts.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

- Public Act 174 of 2013, MISS DIG Underground Damage Prevention and Safety Act, requires that the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) establish requirements for reporting incidents involving damage to underground facilities. The information that the MPSC will collect includes standard industry damage data, data unique to PA 174, and data that will assist in managements of the data collection process. This data includes persons involved in the damage and submission of information, date and location of the damage, facility operation information, excavation information, notification and marking information, downtime, description of damages, and root cause.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGES TAKE PLACE

- Beginning March 15, 2015, all stakeholders need to file damage data with the MPSC Staff using the following process:
 - The submissions need to be completed quarterly on or before the 15th of the third month following the reporting period.
 - The submission needs to be completed using a CSV file.
 - The data needs to include the fields shown in the sample CSV file.

SAMPLE FILE

- The MPSC will solicit data from facility owners....
- The MPSC will accept data from any other party as well

WHO CAN SUBMIT

- Facility Owners and Operators
- Excavators
- Locators
- Municipalities
- If you are not a part of the conversation-you will be the topic of the conversation

WHEN TO EXPECT THE FIRST REPORTS

- Beginning April 1, 2015 the MPSC will make information regarding damages and damages related to exemptions available on its website
- For questions related to the collection or submission of damage data, contact MPSC Staff
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OTHER RELATED LINKS

- Public Act 174 of 2013 PDF
 - www.missdig.net/images/stories/PA174/mcl-Act-174-of-2013.pdf
- MISS DIG System, Inc.
 - www.missdig.org
- Common Ground Alliance
 - www.commongroundalliance.com

DAMAGE REPORTING AS LAID OUT IN PA 174 SECTION 11

- (4) The commission shall develop forms with instructions and may promulgate administrative rules for processing complaints under this act, pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- (5) Not later than October 1, 2014, the commission shall establish requirements for reporting incidents involving damage to underground facilities.
- (6) Beginning April 1, 2015, the commission shall maintain information on damaged facilities reported under subsection (5), including, but not limited to, any damage that occurs during excavation, digging, or blasting that is excluded from the definition of excavation under section 3(m). The commission shall make any information maintained under this subsection publicly available on its website.

NEW SETUP

- The MPSC will collect all Damage information
- The information submitted to the MPSC will then be stripped to keep the submissions to MIVPD anonymous. This way the damage information will be a part of the MIVDP and thereby the CGA National DIRT report.
- This provides one point of damage reporting that meets PA 174 requirements, adds data to MIVPD and National DIRT.