

Damage Data Reporting

Draft Language

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Definitions:

Damage- Any impact or exposure that results in the need to repair an underground facility due to a weakening or the partial or complete destruction of the facility, including but not limited to, the protective coating, lateral support, cathodic protection, or housing of the line, device or facility. (CGA 9.0)

Reportable Damage- Damage, caused by excavation activity (ORC 3781.25), to an underground facility, that requires repair by the facility owner or their agent, and whose direct cost of repair is greater than \$1,000.

Direct Cost of Repair- Cost incurred by the facility owner/operator and/or their agents that includes burdened labor cost, equipment cost, material cost and lost product cost that is a direct result of the damage.

Near Miss- An event where, during excavation activities, damage to an underground utility facility did not occur, but a clear potential for damage was identified.

Language

1.1 Facility owners/operators shall document all Reportable Damages by submitting an Underground Facility Damage/Near Miss Form to the One Call Center, currently known as Ohio Utilities Protection Service. Submission of the form shall occur within 30 calendar days after discovery of the Reportable Damage.

1.2 Facility owners/operators may document damage to underground facilities from excavation activity that do not meet the requirements of a Reportable Damage, by submitting an Underground Facility Damage/Near Miss Form to the One Call Center, currently known as Ohio Utilities Protection Service. Submission of form should occur within 30 calendar days after discovery of the damage.

1.3 Facility owners/operators and excavators may document a Near Miss by submitting an Underground Facility Damage/Near Miss Form to the One Call Center, currently known as Ohio Utilities Protection Service. Submission of form should occur within 30 calendar days after discovery of the Near Miss.

1.4 All parties may file and amended report within 90 days of the initial report for consideration and review. (All changes should documented date and time stamp.)

1.5 Ohio Utilities Protection Service will collect and store this data. In addition, OUPS will publish this data at least annually.

1.6 Data reporting requirements of this section shall become effective 180 days after passage of this bill.