

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission



Pipeline Safety Division

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- Damage Prevention SME

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OPERATOR DAMAGE RESPONSE



Initial Report of Damage by Operator



After the Operator becomes **aware** of the damage, they shall submit an initial notice to the PSD within 30 days.



Request for Information



The PSD will then send out a request for information (1st letter) to the excavator named by the operator as the damaging party.

The excavator has 30 days from receipt of the letter to send in the response

If the excavator does not respond, the statute requires PSD to investigate the damage with the information supplied by the operator



Operator submission contents



- Operators fill out State Form 57051
- Answer standard investigation questions
- Pictures of the locate marks on site before excavation began
- Pictures of the damage with its relationship to the marks preferably
- Written narrative of the damage and any pertinent information that will be helpful in the investigation

PSD Finding in the Case



There are 6 possible findings from the investigation

1. Operator Violation 8-1-26(18)(h) – Failure to Locate/Miss Locate
2. Excavator Violation (Numerous Possibilities under IC 8-1-26)
3. No Violation
4. Failure to join 811 – this can be for any operator, including non-gas utilities
5. Knowingly removing or destroying locate marks. This can be for anyone, such as a property owner who removes locate flags because they do not want work done in the ROW
6. False Emergency

After the PSD Investigation



- **The party found in violation by PSD will receive a letter called an Investigation Summary Report (2nd Letter) with the details of the violation at least two weeks before the UPPAC meeting that also notifies them of the date and time of the meeting.**

Operator submission contents



There is no such thing as too much information.

**Pictures!!
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Examples of Helpful Pictures





Examples of Helpful Pictures





Examples of Helpful Pictures





Examples of less than Helpful Pictures



Rescheduled Locates



Rescheduled Locates:

If a locate is rescheduled the operator must supply the name of the locator and excavator representative along with the day, date and time they spoke.

Questions?



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