

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Damage Prevention - 2009



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New Initiatives

- Damage Letters
- Virtual DIRT
- RCW 19.122 (The Dig Law) Update
- Damage Prevention Month
- Outreach and Education

Damage letters

- 1,500 damage incidents annually in Washington State
- Contact information is requested from operators for all reportable incidents
- Education and outreach letters are sent to companies or homeowners involved in incidents

Damage letters

- Letters provide information about CBYD, the requirements of the dig law and phone number for the consumer comment line
- 3 letters sent to contractors since 3/2009
- 1 letter sent to homeowner since 3/2009

Virtual DIRT

- UTC will administer a statewide data reporting system through CGA Virtual DIRT
- Planning committee formed
 - PSE, Avista, Williams, BP, McChord Pipeline
- Two planning meetings have been held
 - March 25, 2009
 - May 6th, 2009

- Log Out
- Main Menu
- User Guide
- Downloads
- Support

DIRT Main Menu	
Damage Report	Submit a new Damage Report
Browse Damage Reports	Browse Damage Reports for all companies
File Upload	Upload a file containing multiple Damage Reports to be processed by the Automated Data Loading (ADL) process
Browse File Uploads	Browse file uploads and associated Damage Reports for all companies
Data Quality (DQI)	NEW The Data Quality Index reports provide simple metrics on the number of essential fields submitted to DIRT and the measure of their contribution to the DIRT Annual Report. (more info...) Average DQI for submissions from Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission for 2008: n/a , 2009: n/a .
Dashboard	Dashboard provides visibility into key performance indicators (KPIs) through simple visual graphics such as charts and tables (tabular data)
Query Wizard	Query Wizard now provides two interfaces - "Quick Reports" and "Power Reports". The new Power Report Designer uses a "Wizard" like process to step you through the report creation process. Also, You'll be able to choose from a list of predefined reports, organized by "owner" and reports shared by others. Currently, your role will allow you to download submitted data for all companies
Company Admin	Browse and edit existing company information.
Grant/Revoke Access	Grant/Revoke access to your raw data for reporting purposes. Set whether or not this is a Reporting Organization to which other organizations may grant access.

Next Steps

- Design forms based on committee feedback
- Create on-line instructions on how to register and use
- Find ways to publicize the system

RCW 19.122 Work Group

- UTC will host a work group to discuss issues related to RCW 19.122 Underground Utilities (aka the dig law)
- Members will be stakeholders and other interested parties
 - PUD's
 - Operators
 - Public
 - Associations

RCW 19.122 Work Group

- Interested parties were asked for input on:
 - Issues or concerns they have with RCW 19.122
 - What changes would make the law better
- Five meetings are scheduled through November 2009
- Goal is to have revision language for the 2010 or 2011 legislative session

RCW 19.122 Work Group

- Ultimate goal is to develop a bill proposal to update and improve the RCW
- Additional meetings will be held in 2010 if necessary

Next Steps

- Invitations have been sent to potential work group members
 - Anyone can attend meetings
 - Any can comment on any drafts produced
- Finalize list of issues for discussion at first meeting

Damage Prevention Month

- May 2009 was “Damage Prevention Month” in Washington State
- One radio interview about CBYD on aired on the Cisco Morris radio show
- KOMO TV filmed a utility locate for a story to run during the 10th Anniversary of the Bellingham explosion

Outreach and Education

- Pipeline safety staff are attending statewide WUCC meetings
- Researching newsletter for statewide distribution
- Updating existing consumer information brochures

Outreach and Education

- Consumer complain line taking calls about locates
 - Late locates
 - No locates
 - Inaccurate locates
- UTC staff follow up with locator if possible



Questions?

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