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MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES
DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

2022 State Damage
Prevention Program
Review



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Damage Prevention Authority**

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Re: Report Required by Public Utilities Article
§12-144 (MSAR# 8340)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the 2023 Chair of the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage
Prevention Authority, I submit this Twelfth Annual Report to you.
This document serves as an outline of the Authority's activities and
accomplishments for the 2022 Calendar year.

Sincerely,

David Gaines
Chairman

cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services

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MARYLAND AUTHORITY MISSION STATEMENT



“The Authority seeks to protect underground facilities of owners in the State of Maryland from destruction, damage, or dislocation to prevent - death or injury to individuals; property damage to private and public property; and the loss of services provided to the general public.

*To accomplish this, the Authority seeks to promote, enhance, and assist the State of Maryland in enforcing the Maryland underground utility damage enforcement, effective public education, and the constant knowledge that public safety through reduced Damages is our prime concern.”**

**Pursuant to the legislative intent enacted by the Maryland General Assembly, as part of the State Underground Facilities law, Article Public Utilities, Title 12, Section 12-102, the mission statement adopted by the Authority in 2010.*

The Miss Utility Statute – Brief History¹

In 1990, the General Assembly enacted the Miss Utility Statute, Md. Code (1957, 1991 Repl. Vol.), Section 28A(a) of Article 78. Its aim was to protect the public from death or injury caused by damage to underground public utility structures, including sewer, gas, oil, and water lines, and to prevent damage to those underground facilities during construction projects. It “required that all owners of underground facilities in the state—i.e., public utilities, telecommunications corporations, cable television corporations, political subdivisions, municipal corporations, steam heating companies, and authorities—become ‘owner-members’ of a ‘one-call’ system.” *Reliable Contracting Co., Inc. v. Md. Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Auth.*, 222 Md. App. 683, 686, cert. granted, 444 Md. 638 (2015).¹ If a contractor planned to perform any excavation or demolition work in the State, the contractor was required to notify the one-call system and could not begin excavation or demolition until it received notification that all underground facilities in the vicinity had been marked or that no underground facilities were in the vicinity of the site. *Id.*

In 2006, Congress enacted the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act, 49 U.S.C. § 60134 (“the PIPES Act”). That act authorized the federal Department of Transportation to allocate grants to a “State authority” to improve underground facilities damage prevention programs. 49 U.S.C. § 60134(a). Only State authorities having the power to assess civil penalties for violations of State law governing underground facilities were qualified for federal grants. See 49 U.S.C. § 60134(b)(6), (7).

In 2010, the General Assembly revised the Miss Utility Statute, consistent with the PIPES Act, to create the Authority. As relevant here, the Authority is empowered to adopt bylaws; maintain facilities for the purposes of holding hearings; employ a staff; and “do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted by this subtitle.” PU § 12-110(a). It is comprised of nine members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor to staggered two-year terms. PU § 12-107.

With the exception of one ¹ In *Reliable Contracting*, this Court rejected a challenge to the constitutionality of the provisions of the Miss Utility Statute empowering the Authority to adjudicate complaints and assess civil penalties.

¹ UNREPORTED -IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
OF MARYLAND -No. 2079
SEPTEMBER TERM, 2014
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION ET AL.
v.
MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY
Eyler, Deborah, S., Nazarian, Sharer, Frederick J. (Retired, Specially Assigned), JJ.
Opinion by Eyler, Deborah, S., J.
Filed: October 22, 2015

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2022 Accomplishments

- **Statutory Requirements** - The Authority met seven (7) times during the 2022 calendar year. All seven (7) meetings were conducted via Zoom. Of these meetings four (4) were the Quarterly business meetings which are required by statute and are open to the public.
 - **Breakdown of 2022 Offenses** – In 2022 the Authority investigated and reviewed eighty-six (86) NPV’s resulting \$144,062.62 in fines assessed. Breaking down the types of offenses committed is an important tool the Authority uses to address deficiencies in our training program, and damage trends in the field so that we may put more emphasis on these issues.
 - **Locating Violations** – In 2022 there were thirty-seven (37) marking violations, which in each case was due to the failure of the contract locator to mark the underground facilities within the required two (2) business days.
 - **No Miss Utility Ticket** - In addition, there were twenty-three (23) instances reported, where the violator had not obtained a valid ticket for the work they intended to do. These NPV’s were all 1st time offenses, which will require Damage Prevention training
 - **Failure to Test Pit** – There were twenty-two (22) instances of excavation near underground facilities without “Test Pitting”, which is required in order to verify that the location marks are correct by finding the utility.
 - **Expired Ticket** - And lastly, there were four (4) NPV filed against a company for allowing work to continue once their ticket had expired. Tickets must be renewed if the project goes beyond the twelve (12) day life of the ticket.

- **Civil Penalties** - The total fines collected in 2022 were \$119,435.00. Some of this total was carried over from 2021. The Authority also recommended Title XII Damage Prevention Safety training to all companies in violation of the statute or required written policy statements in order to mitigate internal shortfalls to their damage prevention programs (the Authority provides Damage Prevention Training via the MD/DC DPC at no charge to the violator).
- **Filing Fees** - The Authority collected \$2,600.00 on non-subscriber filing fees in 2022. Filing fees are set at \$200, which don't begin to cover the true cost of conducting a full investigation and review. Subscribers (facility owners) pay into a sinking fund on an annual basis. These funds are reserved for the owners' filing fees.
- **MD Continues to be a Low Damage State** - Despite an uptick nationwide in underground facility damages, and a dynamic increase in ticket volumes, Maryland remains a state with the lowest "hit rates" in the nation. The Authority attributes this statistic to a very successful Education and Outreach program. This year's damages per 1000 Miss Utility tickets was 0.67.
- **Education & Outreach** - The Authority's main focus continues to be Education and Outreach. The Authority contributed \$20,000 to the "Miss Utility" regional radio campaigns during Maryland's Safe Digging Month (April). These radio PSA's highlight the importance of calling 811 before digging or disturbing the earth and the demolishing of old buildings. These spots are also produced in Spanish and aired on traditional Latino radio stations. The Authority also provides materials for Damage Prevention training and other awareness activities.

During Calendar Year 2022, One thousand and three (1003) industry workers were trained in underground safety and damage prevention practices. Many of the participants were required to attend due to their company's recent violations. These training activities are conducted in coordination with the MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee. Paid and volunteer industry experts address the many facets of damage prevention, best practices and safety.

- **Charitable Work** -The Authority is a regular contributor and volunteer to “Construction Angels” ; which is a national organization who's whose sole purpose to give financial aid to the families in Maryland who have lost loved ones to construction related accidents.
- **Successful Website** - This past year has been spent finetuning the Authority website with many new features and resources for the general public, construction companies, underground facility owners etc. The Authority website is heavily used, and its imbedded videos receive a lot of viewing time. Since the launch, www.mddpa.org has received an astonishing number of views, which last at least 3 minutes (by industry standards, this duration of viewing is considered very successful).
- **Mobile Apps** - The Authority has also launched two (2) Mobile Apps for use on the Apple and Android platforms. The Apps mirror the website's branding and offer a wide range of resources that can be helpful in the field, such as a quick resource for referencing the Title XII – “Miss Utility” law, the ability to file complaints, pay fines and access to hot links to all twenty-four (24) County Public Works Departments and much more.

- **Federal Oversight** - The Authority is overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s office of Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Federal Rules governing the state-based compliance programs (Rule 9), known as State Damage Prevention Programs, of which the Maryland Authority is such a program.
- **Annual PHMSA Audit** - PHMSA conducts an annual review or audit in all 50 states and the territories to see if enforcement of the federal rules are being applied; properly, equitably and effectively. The Authority was evaluated for the fifth (5) time since the audits began. This year’s audit was for C/Y 2021 in 2022 (the federal government’s evaluations run one-year behind real time). The goal of the review was to determine whether the Maryland Damage Prevention Program is “Adequate” (federal government terminology). **Once again, the Authority was deemed “Adequate”, receiving a score of 258 out of 258 points.** The Authority has strived to gain a full score since the inception of the program review. The 2021 review was the first time we succeeded. (Please refer to Federal Oversight Section)
- **PHMSA Grant** – In 2022, the Authority was awarded a \$4,701 grant to help underwrite a new homeowner awareness program. During the 2021 Title Twelve (12) rewrite, language regarding the rules for homeowners when digging on their personal property. When a homeowner plans to dig deeper than six (6) inches and/or plans to use mechanical equipment to do so, they must call 811 - “Miss Utility” and request that the location of their underground utilities be identified by the utility owner. This is done using a series of colors or flags corresponding with the type of utility. This is a free service for everyone- underwritten by the utility owners.

- **How the Authority is Funded** - The Authority is an independent, quasi-governmental agency of the Executive Branch. It does not receive any taxpayer funding. Funding for the Authority come from grants from the underground facility owners in Maryland, the federal government and filing fees. In addition, the Authority receives five (5) cents for every outgoing ticket from the One- Call system. This year, the Authority has received \$230,382.25 (December 2021 through November 2022).
- **How Fines are Spent** – All fines collected from violators of the “Miss Utility” law goes into the Education and Outreach Fund. It is a restricted fund, which can only be used for the stated goal in §12-117. These funds underwrite the Authority’s training programs and the support of various other programs in Maryland. The Authority’s mission is to train violators and assist in-house training efforts in order to reduce damage to Maryland’s vital underground systems, which is not exclusive to electric and gas. The massive expansion and protection of the broadband network in this state has become a major concern. The Authority is also able to participate in activities such as the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Association of Counties summer conferences; and attend the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Annual meetings. §12-117 was amended when the statute was overhauled in 2020 (passed in 2021) to allow the Authority the ability to use money from the fund only in times of financial emergencies. The Authority members must approve this type of expenditure with a super-majority vote.

Legislative Tweaks - As is often the case, certain tweaks were needed too the new law for either substantive reasons, drafting errors or inadvertent omissions. The Authority developed legislation for the 2022 legislative session to address these matters. HB 350, sponsored by Delegate Brooks, a member of the House Economic Matters Committee and SB 464, sponsored by Senators Feldman and Hershey of the Senate Judiciary Committee, were both introduced as “Emergency Bills” so that the errors and oversights can go into effect as soon as possible. Both initiatives successfully passed and are now in effect. The Authority was also asked to develop legislation by the Maryland Subscribers Committee (facility owners) for the 2022 legislative session for the purpose of alleviating some of the pressures that have arisen due to the pandemic and record ticket volumes. The locating industry in Maryland and across the nation have experienced difficulties keeping up with locate demands. Senate Bill 789 sponsored by Senator Feldman and companion House Bill 994 (Delegate Brooks) were introduced and passed. The Authority was very pleased by the efforts of both Senators Feldman and Hershey and Delegate Brooks.



The NPV Process

**Operating Practices of the
Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority**

NPV Procedures 4.0 (Adopted 2022)

1. Upon receipt of a Notice of Probable Violation (NPV) from the plaintiff, the Authority verifies the contact and incident information contained in the on-line submittal for sufficiency and accuracy and then notifies the probable violator via Notice of Investigation (NOI) and the plaintiff via Notice of Receipt (NOR) by regular USPS mail. The probable violator is encouraged to contact the Authority upon receiving the NOI letter, in order to provide additional information.
2. The Executive Director shall complete a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the facts surrounding the NPV. The Executive Director shall determine whether they believe a violation of Subtitle 1 of Title 12 of the Maryland Public Utilities Article has occurred and a penalty is due based on such investigation. In its March 28, 2016, decision in *Reliable Contracting v. Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority* upholding the constitutionality of the Authority.

The Maryland Court of Appeals directed the Authority to use the following three factors to determine the amount of any penalty assessed by the Authority:

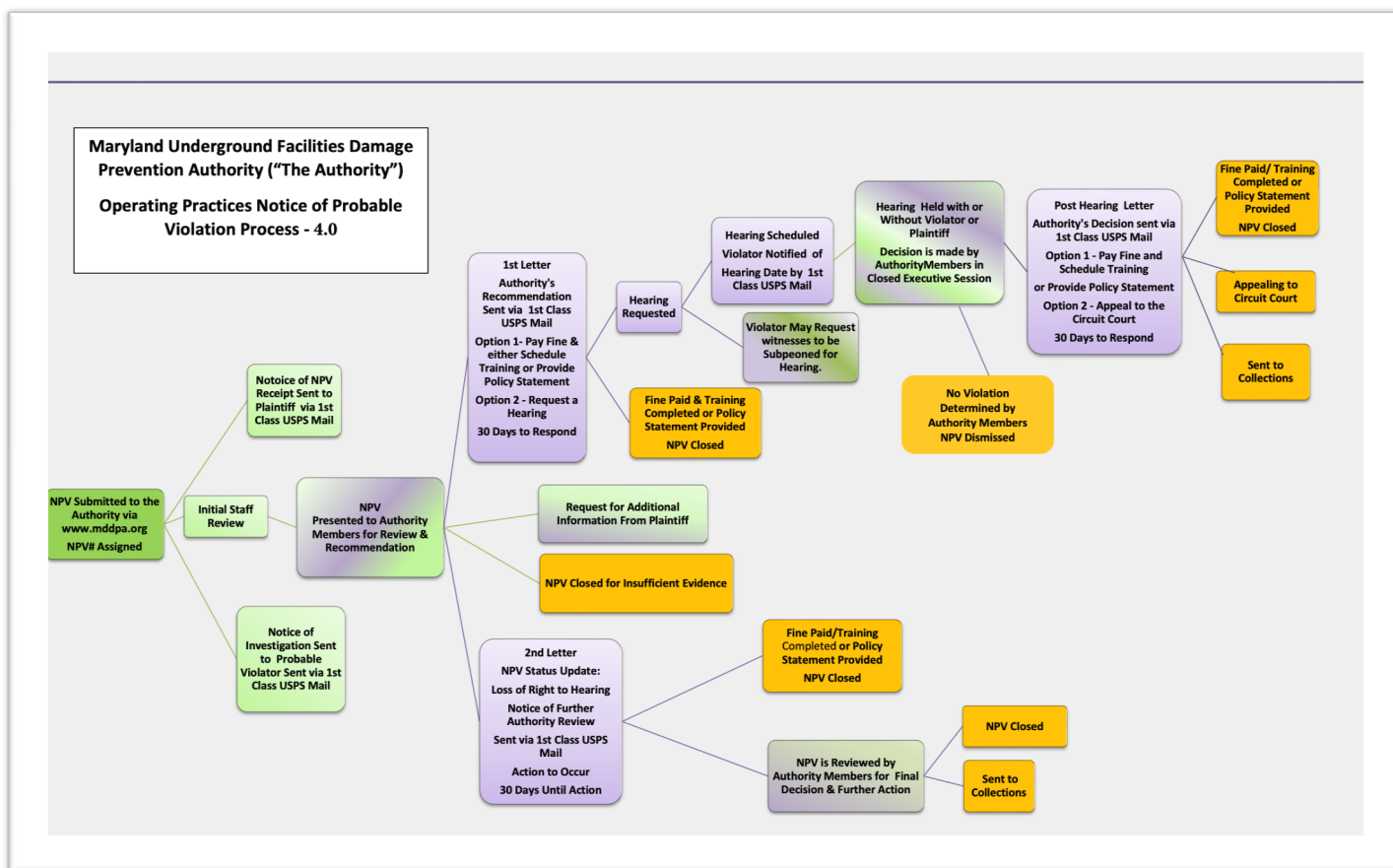
- a) seriousness of the violation;*
- b) intent ("good faith") of the violator,*
- c) past history of violations.*

The Authority used these factors to create a Standardized Fining Matrix ("SFM"). The Executive Director shall use the SFM to determine the amount of the penalty to recommend to the Authority.

3. The Executive Director shall then present the entire review of the NPV together with all supporting documentation and the SFM calculations to the Authority at its next regularly scheduled closed Executive Session. At that meeting, the Authority will decide whether a civil penalty and/or training should be imposed, or any other type of requirement that is indicated. Or the Authority may: (a) request additional investigation to acquire more information and documentation for further review of the NPV before making a decision, or (b) dismiss the NPV for (i) lack of documented violation, (ii) lack of documented probable violator, (iii) lack of sufficient evidence and documentation to proceed with any further investigation or (c) any reason the Authority may deem reasonable for not proceeding with any further investigation or review of the NPV.

4. If the Authority determines that a civil penalty and/or training or other requirement should be imposed after the official review, the Executive Director shall notify the probable violator of the Authority's determination by 1st class USPS mail using the best possible address information. The "Post Review Recommendation" letter shall include the possible effects of §12-135 of the Maryland Public Utilities Article, which include the probable violator's rights, remedies and options, and the Maryland's Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and how it impacts the Authority's hearing process. The notice shall request that the probable violator contact the Authority within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice and offer the violator the opportunity to pay their fine and undertake damage prevention training; and/or pay their fine and provide a company policy statement which contains remedies to mitigate any future violations. The probable violator may choose to request a formal hearing before the Authority members, in order to defend their case.
5. If the probable violator does not respond to the Authority's Post Review Recommendation letter, the Executive Director will send a "Final Action" letter via 1st class USPS mail, indicating that the probable violator has lost the right to request a formal hearing before the Authority members. In addition, the NPV will then be put before within the next thirty (30) days for further evaluation and a final decision. This action can result in a collection action by a third party. Once placed into collections, the probable violator will no longer have the opportunity to negotiate with the Authority.
6. If a hearing is requested within the allotted time period, the Executive Director shall notify the plaintiff and probable violator of the date and time of the hearing via 1st class USPS mail. At the hearing, the Executive Director will present the official evidence regarding the probable violation. The probable violator shall have the opportunity to submit evidence and present a defense. The Executive Director, the probable violator, plaintiff and any witnesses shall be sworn in by the Chairman of the Authority, prior to the proceedings. All testimony shall be given under oath and the proceedings shall be recorded. If the plaintiff or probable violator fail to appear, that fact shall be noted, and the hearing shall proceed. The Authority may assess a fine of \$200 for failure to appear.
7. Once the hearing is concluded, the Authority shall meet in closed Executive Session in order to determine whether: A) a penalty should be assessed against the probable violator and, B) if the penalty should be assessed, the amount of such penalty, using the SFM. The Authority may determine that instead of or in addition to a penalty, it will require the probable violator to participate in Damage Prevention training. The Authority shall issue a decision in writing, stating the reason for its decision.
8. The Executive Director will send a copy of the written decision of the Authority to the probable violator by 1st class USPS mail and shall notify the probable violator of the right of any person aggrieved by a decision of the Authority to request a judicial review by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland within thirty (30) days after receiving the decision. (Note: If at any time during these time frames, the Authority receives payment for the civil fine and notification of participation in Title XII training and/or receipt of a signed policy statement, the case will be closed).

9. Any probable violator who does not fulfill each of the requirements set down by the Authority, will be placed in a Closed/Incomplete Status. The Authority has the ability to use the information contained in that Closed/Incomplete NPV as evidence when applying SFM standards in any future probable violations committed by this person up to three (3) years after the original violation. In addition, any company placed in the Closed/Incomplete status will have the name of their company, county of their business and the reason for being placed in the Closed/Incomplete status. This information will be posted as a company “Not in Good Standing” with the Authority on the Authority website for a period of three (3) years.





Damage Data 2021-22

2022 MD/DC Subscribers Damage Summary Report

Source: One Call Center - Voluntary Damage Reporting System.

Note: 23.92% of all MD Stakeholders participate in this important local reporting system. These numbers represent a 4% increase in participation over 2021.

There is no mandatory damage reporting in the

Month	Member Reported Tickets	CC Transmitted Tickets	REPORTED PROBLEM						County Ratio Damages per 1000 Locates
			TYPE OF LINE		REPORTED CAUSE				
			Main	Service	No Call or Ticket	Hit Marked Line	Line Marked Wrong	Other	
JANUARY	89,929	380,005	13	52	19	16	25	5	0.72
FEBRUARY	90,051	372,476	13	42	15	17	18	5	0.61
MARCH	124,973	464,712	18	67	32	23	22	8	0.68
APRIL	109,216	450,347	15	59	25	27	17	5	0.68
MAY	112,189	463,092	20	76	31	40	23	2	0.86
JUNE	107,957	433,766	21	56	21	29	21	6	0.71
JULY	93,664	388,261	21	52	22	23	22	6	0.78
AUGUST	108,809	451,724	21	59	20	27	26	7	0.74
SEPTEMBER	100,945	423,624	22	54	21	31	18	6	0.75
OCTOBER	98,220	424,049	14	55	17	27	24	1	0.70
NOVEMBER	88,545	431,316	16	47	17	21	20	5	0.71
DECEMBER	80,492	354,601							0.00
Yearly County Ratio									0.67
Member Reported Tickets	1,204,990	5,037,973	194	619	240	281	236	56	813
CC Transmitted Tickets	5,037,973		Total Damages		Percentage by Cause				
Reporting %	23.92%		813		29.52%	34.56%	29.03%	6.89%	

	# Tickets	Damages per 10,000 Tickets Received				
Member Reported Tickets	1,204,990	1.99	2.33	1.96	0.46	6.75
CC Transmitted Tickets	5,037,973	0.48	0.56	0.47	0.11	1.61

	# Tickets	Damages per 1,000 Tickets Received				
Member Reported Tickets	1,204,990	0.20	0.23	0.20	0.05	0.67
CC Transmitted Tickets	5,037,973	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.16

Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) - 2021



2021 DIRT Report: Root Causes Persist Amidst Increasing Construction Activity

CGA's 2021 Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Report analyzes all 2021 damage data submitted voluntarily by facility operators, utility locating companies, one call centers, contractors, regulators and others from the U.S. and Canada and provides recommendations for the damage prevention industry to address the persistent root causes of underground utility damages.

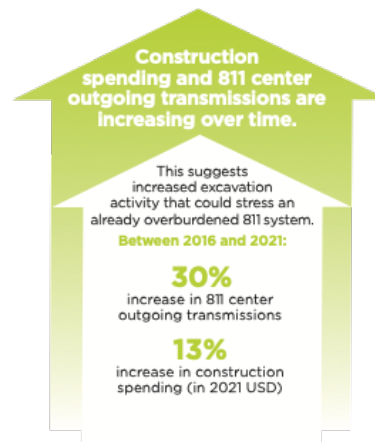
76% of damages are caused by just **SIX** root causes

These root causes are also some of the most persistent causes of damages year after year.

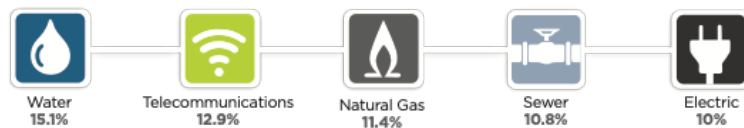
Most Persistent Damage Causes*

1. Digging without notification to the 811 center
2. Failure to pothole and/or maintain clearance
3. Locating issues caused by incorrect and/or outdated maps

*List does not include "unknown" values



Top Work Performed When Damages Occurred



DIRT Report Recommendation and Implementation Strategies

Tailor damage prevention efforts and investments to address the leading individual root causes.

- ✓ Ensure your 811 messaging addresses common reasons that excavators fail to notify.
- ✓ Create multimedia educational materials about how to properly maintain clearance and pothole.
- ✓ Examine contracts with locators and excavators to ensure you build in adequate time and incentives for third parties to adhere to safe digging requirements.
- ✓ Update facility maps frequently and invest in GIS mapping expansion.



To download the complete 2021 DIRT Report and access the interactive DIRT Dashboard, visit dirt.commongroundalliance.com.

The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) is a national initiative formed by stakeholders in the underground facility arena for the sole purpose of preserving and protecting our country's underground infrastructure. The CGA provides opportunities for networking, education and data collection of damages and their root causes. Above is the synopsis of the 2021 DIRT report which reflects the composite of all 50 states' damage information. It is a voluntary program, much like Maryland's annual survey.

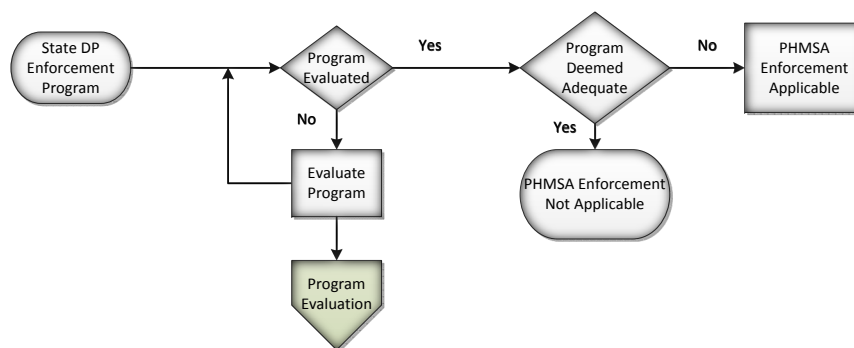


Federal Oversight

2021 PHMSA Federal Enforcement Programs Audit*

State Damage Prevention Enforcement Program Adequacy

- Reference: 49 CFR 198 Subpart D
- Note: 49 USC 60114(f) limitation is not applicable to PHMSA 1st and 2nd party excavator enforcement

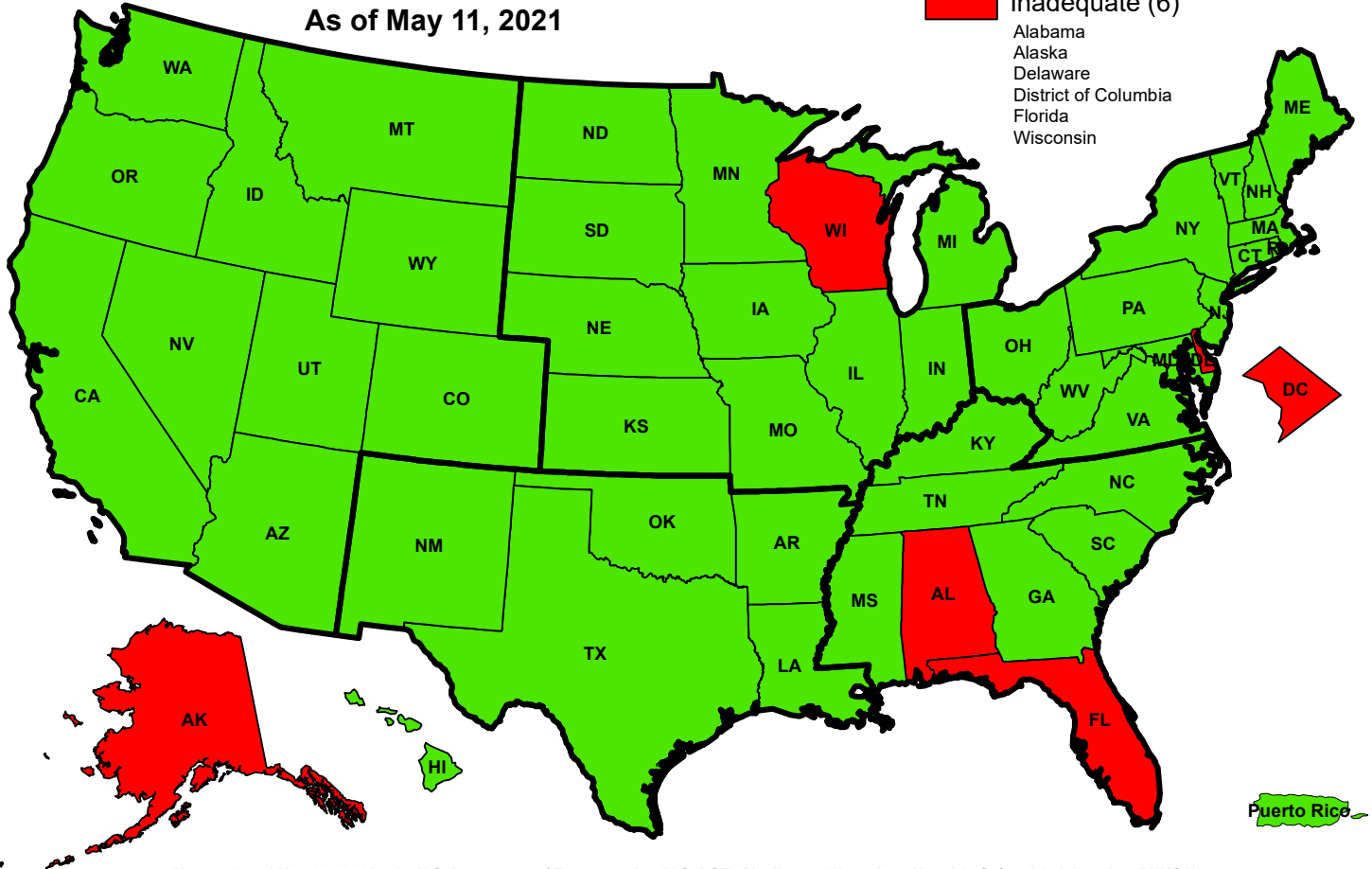


* Source: USDOT – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Determinations of Adequacy of One-Call Law Enforcement Programs from 2020 Audits

As of May 11, 2021

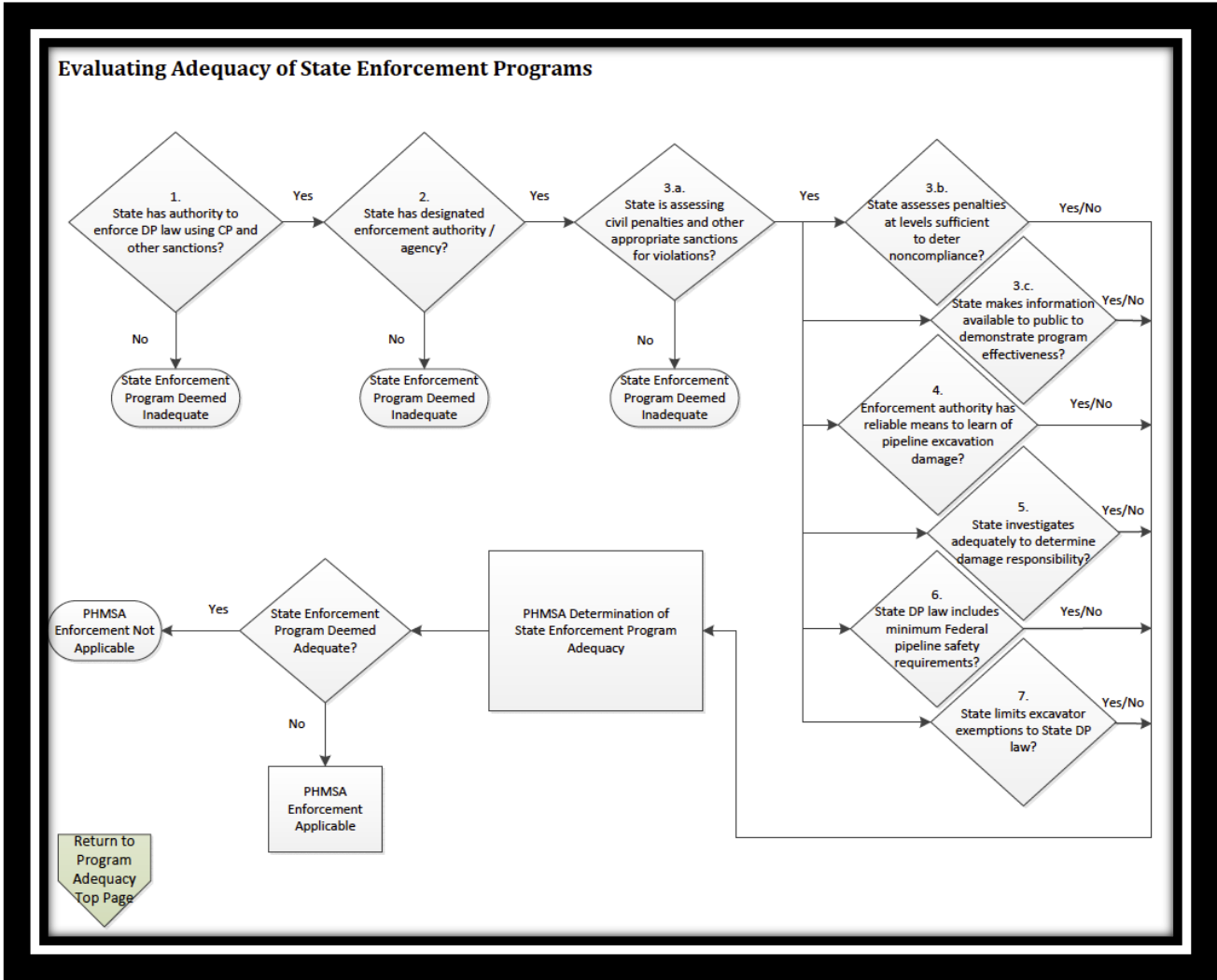
- Adequate (46)
 - Inadequate (6)
- Alabama
Alaska
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Wisconsin



Map produced May 11, 2021 by the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
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Source: USDOT – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), 2021 Audit Results

PHMSA's Evaluation System*



* Source: USDOT – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)



U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
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October 4, 2022

Via email

Mr. James A. Barron
Executive Director
Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority 7223
Parkway Drive, Suite 100
Hanover, MD 21076 Dear

Mr. Barron:

On September 19, 2022, a representative of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) conducted an evaluation of the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority's enforcement of the Maryland excavation damage prevention law. PHMSA conducted this evaluation pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60114 and 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 198, Subpart D—State Damage Prevention Enforcement Programs. Based on this evaluation, PHMSA has determined that the enforcement of the Maryland excavation damage prevention law is "adequate."

PHMSA appreciates your dedication to safety. As you are aware, excavation damage continues to be a leading cause of pipeline failures, some of which have resulted in fatalities, serious injuries, and environmental damage. Nationwide statistics show that effective enforcement of state damage prevention laws reduces excavation damage and pipeline incidents, resulting in enhanced public safety.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please contact David Appelbaum, PHMSA State Evaluator, at (202) 617-6329 or by email at david.appelbaum@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Zach Barrett", written over a white rectangular background.

Zach Barrett
Director, State Programs

cc: Mr. John Clementson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Maryland Public Service Commission
Ms. Susan A. M. Stroud, Deputy Director, MDDPA



Authority General Information

2022

**MARYLAND UNDERGROUND
FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION
AUTHORITY**

MEMBERS

(Appointed by Governor Larry Hogan)*

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Public Utilities Article §12-107. Membership – All Authority members are appointed by the Governor of Maryland and must represent specific entities and organizations. The Authority strives for diversity in its membership (geographically, racially and sexual orientation) in order to best represent the State of Maryland and its people.

**Awaiting Replacement Appointment by Governor Wes Moore*

2023 Authority Meeting Calendar

Miss Utility Conference Center
7223 Parkway Drive
Hanover, Maryland

ALL OPEN SESSIONS BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.
Meetings will be conducted via ZOOM unless otherwise indicated.
(Hearings on NPVs are held during the Open portion of the meetings)

Wednesday	January 11th	Open Session & Closed Executive Session (1 st Quarter Business Mtg & Election of Officers)
General Assembly	January 11th - April 10th	Annapolis, MD
Wednesday	February 8th	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session
Wednesday	March 8	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session
Wednesday	April 12th	Open Session & Closed Executive Session (2 nd Quarter Business Mtg)
CGA Conference	April 17th – 21st	Orlando, FL
Tawes Crab Feast	May 6th	Crisfield, MD
Wednesday	May 10th	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session
Wednesday	June 14th	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session
MML Conference	June 25th – 28th	Ocean City, MD
Wednesday	July 12 th	Open Session & Closed Executive Session (3 rd Quarter Business mtg.)
Wednesday	August 9th	Office Closed
MACo Conference	August 16th – 19th	Ocean City, MD
Wednesday	September 13th	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session
Wednesday	October 11th	Open Session & Closed Executive Session (4 th Quarter Business Mtg.)
GCDPC	October 22nd - 25th	Ocean City, MD
Wednesday	November 8th	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session
Wednesday	December 13th	Public Hearings & Closed Executive Session

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